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CAMPAIGN WILL BACK BUSINESSES

WE MEAN BUSINESS

THE Oswestry and Border Chronicle this week launches a new community campaign aimed at supporting local business.

The campaign is called We Mean Business and will run for 12 months to highlight what is good about shopping and doing business in Oswestry.

Our campaign celebrates Oswestry's business, champions the town's innovation and backs local traders.

The campaign was formally launched last night (Wednesday) at The Townhouse in Oswestry during the relaunch of the Chronicle's popular Business Club.

Associate editor Iain St John said: "Oswestry, like every town, faces challenges and the Chronicle believes it is time we celebrated all that is good about our local businesses to help promote local firms and spread the good news story about the many positive initiatives happening in Oswestry.

"The relaunch of the Chronicle's Business Club is one key element to the campaign. The Business Club meets quarterly and sees invited speakers give presentations of interest to the local business community.

"Another key aspect of the campaign will be our new series of editorial features profiling a different business every week in the Chronicle. These free of charge profiles will run in the Chronicle for a year. We will be especially highlighting independent businesses.

"On top of that we will be recognising Oswestry's incredible enterprise by profiling many of the successful businesses and market traders who are bringing something fresh to Oswestry. We will be carrying stories on a regular basis about the work of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce to support that group. Another key element of the campaign is to get the shop local message out to as many people as we can.

"We will be running a poster campaign to publicise the We Mean Business initiative which urges people to shop locally.

"Widespread support for the campaign is key to its success and we will be asking community leaders to support the initiative."

The Chronicle's advertisement department's team leader Marcus Evans said he wanted to encourage local businesses to take part in the campaign.

He said: "I work with local businesses on a daily basis and I know there are incredible stories just waiting to be celebrated.

"The We Mean Business campaign will provide that platform."

● Turn to Page 9 to read our first We Mean Business profile

The Chronicle's Iain St John and Marcus Evans will be spearheading the We Mean Business campaign

Inquiry looks at hospital waiting times

AN inquiry has been launched into Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital because patients are waiting too long for routine operations.

Monitor, the government's health regulator, said it is concerned that too many patients are waiting longer than the 18-week national target.

The target is for day-case or inpatient procedures at the trust. Monitor said it is worried that this performance against a key national healthcare standard may indicate that there are wider issues with how the hospital trust is run.

It said it also has concerns about how accurately the trust is reporting its performance data for routine operations, after potential problems were identified by a third party.

The investigation will examine the extent of the problems, why they have occurred and what can be done to fix them.

Katherine Cawley, regional director at Monitor, said: "We need to find out what the problem is and how we can best support the trust in improving this and how it is run.

"We are investigating the trust to find out why it isn't meeting these targets, and if we need to take further action to make sure local patients aren't waiting too long."

Bosses at the hospital, which treats many patients from the Oswestry and Welshpool areas, said they have already begun working hard on improving the situation. Wendy Farrington Chadd, hospital trust chief executive, said: "As reported to our trust board in March, there has been a deterioration in waiting times (Referral to Treatment standards) for patients at the hospital. The trust has been taking steps to improve this position over the last three months and the majority of our patients continue to be treated within the national standards.

"In March, we commissioned our external auditors to review the processes and performance in this area and to give an independent view on how improvements can be made.

"The trust has implemented a recovery plan to ensure it is back in compliance with waiting time targets and we are progressing well against this plan.We are very sorry that some patients are currently waiting longer for their surgery, however waiting times are already starting to show improvement; as a specialist trust we continue to experience high demand for our services and many patients present to us with additional complexities, and may already have been waiting for treatment elsewhere in the system, in other organisations."

PLANNING

Inspector gives support to hill fort homes plan

A HOUSING development in the shadow of Oswestry's historic hill fort should be allowed – so long as its design is appropriately sensitive to the significance of the landscape.

Government inspector Claire Sherratt has published her proposed modifications to Shropshire's SAMdev, the council's masterplan for development in the county over the next decade.

Among the most controversial housing schemes is for 117 houses on land off Whittington Road. Protesters had called for the development to be taken out of the housing blueprint saying that it would ruin the environment of the iron age hill fort that towers above the north of the town. A petition gained 8,000 names but failed to convince the inspector that the land should remain as fields.

Instead she says: "The development should demonstrate appropriate regard to the significance and setting of the Old Oswestry Hill Fort."

The hill fort scheme will have to be drawn up to include a full archaeological assessment, ensuring long distance views to and from the hill fort are conserved.

The inspector has also given the go-ahead for a major urban extension to the south of Oswestry which, when added to the smaller housing sites around the town designated in the SAMdev document, will see more than 1,417 homes built.

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POWER

PM confirms his windfarm views

PLANS to build controversial windfarms in Mid Wales have been dealt a blow after Prime Minister David Cameron confirmed the government is ruling out future subsidies.

Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies asked Mr Cameron during the first Prime Minister's Questions of the new government yesterday (Wednesday) whether he was standing by his pledge to end future subsidies for onshore windfarms.

Mr Cameron said he wanted to "be clear" that there would be no further subsidies. He added: "It is time to give local people the decisive say."

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Town centre pub could be given a new lease of life

Report by Pam Kingsley

AN historic pub that has been falling into disrepair since closing two years ago could be given a new lease of life as a town house and apartments, it has been revealed.

The former Five Bells pub in Willow Street, Oswestry, has been targeted by vandals and boarded up since it shut in 2013. But its new owner Russell Jones has unveiled plans for the building, which dates back to the 1820s.

There is already an apartment above the main pub and one above the adjoining shop, which is also empty, and the plans would see five more apartments created in old barns at the back of the pub and the shop turned into a town house.

The pub was sold at auction a year ago.

Rob Bennett, agent for Mr Jones, said the conversion would be done in a sympathetic manner to keep the character of the old building.

He said: "The pub closed in 2013 and since then has remained empty because it's in poor condition and couldn't trade at a profit. The ground floor of the Willow Street frontage has been badly vandalised and is currently boarded up.

"But the conversion scheme will ensure its long-term future.

"Unfortunately the building has been altered and extended over the years and the proposed conversion scheme will oversee the removal of the worst modern additions at the rear and some of the damage done to the roadside elevation.

"The alterations will be carried out sympathetically and the finished work will respect the original character and appearance of the building, restoring an important landmark on the street scheme."

Mr Bennett said the main pub building, which is not listed, will be remodelled inside to create the apartments, but that the "characterful features" will be incorporated into the new layout.

The plans have been submitted to Shropshire Council and are currently in the consultation stage.

Records for the pub date back to at least 1828, when a Margaret Lewes was the landlady. Later on, in the 1890s, Willow Street was home to 16 licensed premises, from The Square and Compass and The Mitre, to The Woolpack and The Brown Cow.

Scrolls recognise sacrifice of soldiers

Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire Colonel Edmund Thewles unveils the new scrolls at Oswestry Town Museum

OSWESTRY has been remembering the sacrifice made by soldiers who fought in bloody wars over the past 200 years.

Illuminated scrolls have been displayed in Oswestry Town Museum in honour of soldiers as Britain commemorates the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

The lives of those who died during the Peninsular War between 1808 and 1814 and the Crimean War, which ran between 1853 and 1856, have also been commemorated.

The scrolls were unveiled at the museum by Colonel Edmund Thewles, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire.

Paul Ridgley, a member of the Waterloo Association, has worked with Ian Smith of the Crimean War Research Society to find out whether men from the area had been in battle.

They found a number of soldiers from the area who have no known grave or memorial and wanted to find a way to record their service to the county and the country. It is estimated that about 50 local men could have served in the battles.

This project first started with one gravestone – found at Whittington – of Sergeant Major George Smith, who survived the Crimean War. But there is no trace of where the rest of the soldiers are buried. Mr Ridgley said: "We want to celebrate and acknowledge their service, otherwise their memory would have been lost forever. We must thank Mary Denton, who designed the scrolls." He said there had been three phases to the project, which has taken the volunteers three years to complete. The first stage was the installation of a bronze plaque at St George's Chapel inside St Oswald's Church in Oswestry, and the second the illuminated scrolls that are now in place at Oswestry Town Museum.

The third is a booklet on sale at the museum with biographies of the soldiers.

Man fined for attack outsidepub

A YOUNG father has been fined £500 after attacking another man outside a pub.

Benjamin David Aiden Everton, from Llys Yr Orsaf, Llanfyllin, admitted assaulting Barry Parkes by beating, leaving his victim with facial injuries.

Everton, 26, launched the attack outside The Eagles bar in Llanfyllin on Christmas Eve last year, Welshpool Magistrates Court heard on Tuesday.

Helen Tench, prosecuting, said the assault had taken place at about 5.15pm.

She said the incident had been caught on CCTV outside the bar.

"The CCTV showed that Mr Parkes was having a cigarette and then the defendant ran at him, kicking out and throwing punches," she said.

"After being arrested he admitted 'having a go at him'.

"He said he had been merry but not drunk, and that they had known each other."

Ceri Edwards, for Everton, said that Mr Parkes did not make a formal complaint to the police about the attack.

She said Everton had a five-month-old son and was working in Lincoln five days a week to support his young family.

Magistrates fined him £500 and they also imposed costs and charges of £135.

Four-year road ban for motorist

A WOMAN had been banned from driving for four years after being found to be more than three times the drink-drive limit.

Margaret June Edwards, 66, was disqualified from driving for 48 months and fined £600 by Welshpool Magistrates after admitting the offence. She was also ordered to pay costs of £85, a court charge of £150 and a victim surcharge of £60.

Jamie Wade, for Edwards, said she had been arguing with her husband at their home in Meifod on May 3. "She went away from the home, bought a bottle of wine, drunk it in the vehicle and then drove the 800 yards home," he said.She was found to have 118 microgrammes of alcohol in 100ml of breath. The legal limit is 35. Magistrates heard it was the second time Edwards, now living in London, had been convicted of drink driving.

Planning worries spark officers' powers review

Report by Pam Kingsley

CONTROVERSIAL powers could be taken away from non-elected officers following anger over planning decisions in Shropshire.

A review has been announced following a rising number of complaints over rulings made in secret. They include anger that a supermarket was given permission, leading to the demolition of a 200-year-old Thomas Telford toll house in Oswestry.

Shropshire Council said it would hold a consultation to create "a process that is efficient, consistent and transparent".

Town and parish councils are being asked whether delegated powers to officers are being used correctly.

Around 94 per cent of planning applications never get to be debated by councillors.

They are instead determined by unelected planning officers.

Councillor Steve Davenport, chairman of the task and finish group which will lead the consultation, has asked the local councillors for their views on the current system used by Shropshire Council.

A survey has been sent out to Shropshire councillors and all the town and parish councils asking for views.

It asks for views on whether the current system of delegation, which it says "seeks to ensure that only the most significant, complex or contentious planning applications are considered by planning committee", is working.

The move comes as town councillors in Oswestry raised concerns about how the decision to allow the building of a new Aldi supermarket in the town, leading to the demolition of the 200-year-old tollhouse on Shrewsbury Road, was passed by unelected planning officers. The councillors agreed on Wednesday last week to write to Greg Clark MP, the minister for communities and local government, with their concerns.

Town councillor and local historian Sandy Best raised a motion at the meeting and also called for the planning decision to be referred to Shropshire Council's internal scrutiny committee.

Councillor Cynthia Hawksley said: "I feel very strongly about it. I feel that a little bit of democracy disappeared over this."

The motion was passed and the town council will now ask Shropshire Council to look at the way the application was handled at its next scrutiny committee meeting.

Prize delight for family cheese firm

Ian Eyres from Abertanat Farm with the award-winning cheese. Photo: Peter Shah.

A FARMING family which started making its own cheese eight years ago has won top awards on the national stage.

The Shropshire Cheese Company's Mini Marches Blue won gold for being named best export cheese by judges in the 2015 National Cheese Awards held at the Royal Bath and West Show.

Its Mini Shropshire Blue also received a silver medal at the awards.

The success has delighted the Eyres family, which produces its handmade cheese on Abertanant dairy farm at Llanyblodwel, near Oswestry. Robert Eyres, together with his wife Rena and sons Stuart and Ian, decided to go into the cheese business to bring added value to the milk from the dairy farm.

"The cheesemaking processes we use are traditional and the milk is from our own herd, giving our cheeses a true taste of Shropshire and the Welsh Marches region," he said.

"For every process from feeding the calves and cows, looking after the animals and the land, right through to making the award-winning handmade cheese, a member of our family is there."

Mr Eyres said he was very excited about the recent export contract that had been secured by the company.

"We feel this is a very important step," he said.

"At the moment the price of milk is rock bottom and although it has been a long a difficult journey at times to get to where we are with the Shropshire Cheese Company, we are glad that only a percentage of our milk is sold for milk with the rest going into our cheese."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Old school pals are set to reunite

FORMER pupils of a school which existed for just nine years will hold a reunion this weekend.

Fitzalan School in Oswestry was one of two comprehensive schools that were created in 1979 after the end of the era of the high and modern schools in the town.

However in 1988 both schools were merged into one new school, The Marches.

Now some of the first pupils of Fitzalan, the Class of 79, will hold a reunion.

The event will be held on Saturday at Oswestry Cricket Club from 7.30pm and people still have time to book a place.

Those wanting more information can do so through the Fitzalan School Reunion page on Facebook or e-mail: fitzalanschoolreunion79@gmail.com

Tea party time on side of canal

A BIG Tea Party will be held on the banks of the Llangollen Canal on June 28 to raise funds for the Severn Hospice and the Midland Air Ambulance.

The party will be held at Chirk Bank near Oswestry and admission is free.

One of the organisers Sue Barnett said: "If you are cruising or walking near Chirk Bank on the Llangollen Canal at the end of June, we would love to see you at the Big Tea Party.

"This annual event takes place at the Old Post Office and canalside at Chirk Bank with refreshments, stalls, games, and live jazz played by the Jazz Syndicate.

"Come and relax, enjoy the atmosphere and music, and spend a little money, all in a good cause."

Police warn over empty buildings

PARENTS have been asked to warn their children about the dangers of playing in empty buildings.

Oswestry police issued the warning after a number of incidents in which children were found inside the old Oswestry Leisure Centre on College Road. Sgt Scott Barnes from Oswestry police said parents should be warning their children about how dangerous it can be to play in abandoned buildings.

He said the youngsters had been causing damage.

Tariff includes £21 Airtime Plan

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Hill fort campaigners say their homes fight will go on

Report by Sue Austin

CAMPAIGNERS have vowed to carry on their fight to stop housing being built close to Oswestry's iron age hill fort – despite a government inspector deciding in favour of the land being designated for housing.

The Hands Off Old Oswestry Hill Fort campaign has made a defiant promise to continue protesting against plans for 117 homes on land off Whittington Road.

Government Inspector Claire Sherratt has ignored pleas for the land to be taken out of SAMdev, Shropshire Council's blueprint for future development in the county.

Hill fort campaigners posting on their Facebook page said: "This latest staggering rejection of public opinion and of the overwhelming heritage argument against development has only fuelled our determination to fight on – as hard and long as it takes."

The Hands Off Old Oswestry Hill Fort group says it is now looking at the best way to object during the six-week public consultation that runs until July 13.

One of the objectors Maggie Rowlands, said: "We we are doomed to see the encroachment of the historic landscape at the foot of the hill fort by twee suburban houses, with their street lights and pitched roofs and roads which no longer follow historic routes, blocking out views to and from the hill fort and reducing Oswestry's tourism potential.

"I am outraged that a system which trumpets localism and consultation has ignored a petition from 8,000-plus people, the opposition from local councils and opposition from archaeologists including those who are the best in their field."

Two plots of land closer to the hill fort had already been removed from the council's list of sites where housing could take place including one where it was suggested that old farm buildings could be converted to dwellings.

In her list of SAMdev modifications the inspector says that a masterplan is required for the development of the Whittington Road site and it should follow various design principles.

Those principles include that the development should be designed to allow views and glimpses of the hill fort from within the site.

And she says a landscape plan will be required to design a lbuffer along the northern and eastern boundaries of the site, to create a clear settlement boundary between the built form and open countryside.

The landscape buffer should retain important views to and from the hill fort, including from Whittington Road.

Council to face more funding cuts

POWYS County Council has warned of further austerity measures after announcing it must find a further £47 million of funding cuts by 2020

The council said it saved £14 million of the £17 million target it set itself for the last financial year.

But it warned of further cuts to public services as it bids to reach the target set for 2020.

Councillor Wynne Jones, cabinet member for finance, said: "We set ourselves a target of saving of more than £17m during the year and have succeeded in delivering £14m – 80 per cent of target – slightly down on the savings percentage for the last financial year.

"The remaining 20 per cent which was not achieved will be carried forward and will have to be delivered in the year 2015/16, along with the identified additional savings.

"The situation going forward continues to look extremely difficult with the council looking to deliver at least a further £47m savings through to 2020 to deliver a balanced budget."

Councillor Jones added that Powys County Council achieved a small underspend against its budget for the last financial year.

He said the £242m budget for the 2014/15 financial year, which was supported by £7m from specific and general reserve, was underspent by £282,000 at the end of the financial year.

Shows will boost charity

Members of In The Pink Productions are looking forward to the fundraising shows

SINGERS and thespians will be 'in the pink' to raise money for a breast cancer charity.

Oswestry Golf Club's lady captain Janet Williams has chosen Breakthrough Breast Cancer as her fundraising charity during her year in office.

She has been involved in local amateur singing and acting groups for many years and to boost her fundraising efforts, she and a group of her musical friends have got together to put on a show.

She said: "This charity is close to my heart as I lost my mother to breast cancer when I was only very young. When my friends heard that part of my duties as lady captain were to raise money for this really worthy cause, they all gladly offered to help. We are calling ourselves In The Pink Productions – pink is the colour associated with breast cancer charities."

Musicals & More is an evening's entertainment featuring songs from shows including The Phantom of The Opera, Evita, Blood Brothers and The Sound of Music as well as some classic tunes from the 1950's, 60's & 70's from the likes of Elvis, The Beatles andABBA.

The show will run for just two nights on June 12 and 13 at The Marches School with performances at 7.30pm.

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New era beckons for old cinema site in town centre

Report by Pam Kingsley

OSWESTRY'S former cinema is soon to have a new lease of life, it has been revealed.

The Original Factory Shop will open a new outlet in Oswestry's former Regal Cinema in Leg Street. Adverts have been published for an assistant manager and supervisor for the new shop, which it is hoped will open this summer.

The shop will have an entrance on Cross Street, which has a number of empty shop units, giving hope that other retailers will follow its lead in the coming months.

The company already has branches in Whitchurch, Bridgnorth and Market Drayton.

Oswestry's deputy mayor Councillor Paul Milner said having such a large shop opening in the area would give a boost to Cross Street.

It comes after several attempts were made to find a new use for the cinema building. The cinema closed in 1994. In recent years the building has had a variety of uses.

Among the long term ideas suggested for the building has been a venue for the arts.

Councillor Milner said: "Having one of Oswestry's iconic buildings, The Regal Cinema, opening again as a retail store in Cross Street will not only be encouraging but good news for the town.

"Most of the cinema building has now been empty for years and to have it opening again can only be good for the town centre, with the entrance being located in Cross Street.

"Hopefully this may encourage other retail outlets to come to our town and take over the few other empty shops in that area.

"It's good that's going to be opening up and creating new jobs for the town, especially in that location.

"I hope it will bring new people in as well to the empty units."

The town council has been trying to address the issue of empty shops in Cross Street for several months after complaints about the appearance of the street.

Councillors wrote to the agents of the empty units in a bid to try to spur on the re-letting of some of the shops and received replies from two agents with pledges that the buildings would be tidied up with a view to being re-let.

A spokesman for The Original Factory Shop said its plans have not yet been confirmed but that the shop is likely to open in mid-July.

The company will be taking on more staff closer to the opening date, the spokesman said. The Original Factory Shop offers department store items including clothes, shoes, gifts, toys, home ware and electrical products.

The Regal Cinema in Oswestry as it looked in its heyday

Ramblers to play host to rally walk

OSWESTRY Ramblers will be hosting the Shropshire Area Rally walk on Saturday to celebrate the 80th anniversary of The Ramblers Association.

The event will include two walks, a long one starting at 9.30am, taking in all of the Oswald's Trail, on the outskirts of Oswestry, which was opened last year.

The shorter walk will be the second half of Oswald's Trail, and this will start at 11.45am at Oswestry Old Racecourse.

Shrewsbury Ramblers will also be offering a selection of walks during the week ahead as well as supporting the area rally.

On Sunday, June 7, there will be an eight and half mile "moderate to strenuous" walk in the Montgomery area.

A spokesman for the group said: "There should be stunning views and plenty to see on route such as the Town Hill war memorial, Montgomery castle and the hill of Llandysil.

"There may even be time for tea and cakes at the delightful Castle Kitchen tea room afterwards. Walkers should meet at 9.30am at Abbey Foregate car park in Shrewsbury."

On Wednesday evening, walkers are offered a stroll from the recently re-opened Tankerville Arms, in Longden, starting at 7.15pm.The walks are open to walkers of all ages, but suitable clothing and stout footwear must be worn.

For details of times and where to meet on the anniversary walk visit www.oswestryramblers.org.uk/area_rally.pdf

Growth zones in pipeline

EMPLOYMENT in Mid Wales could be given a major boost as part of a council-led local plan for the next 21 years.

Powys County Council wants to set up Local Growth Zones to help encourage and support jobs and growth within the county as part of its blueprint for future development.

Three zones will be established in the Severn Valley. One will cover Welshpool, Newtown and Llanidloes, a second will be set up for Rhayader, Llandrindod Wells and Builth Wells, and a third will cover Brecon, Bronllys, Talgarth and Ystradgynlais.

In its draft deposit local plan, the council said that to meet the needs of Powys up to 2026 there will have to be 5,519 homes built including open market and affordable housing, gypsy and traveller accommodation and other specialist housing needs.

Just under 49 hectares of employment and economic development land is also needed as well as retail, tourism, recreation, infrastructure, services and other needs.

But the council has warned that the county does not need more large scale shopping development and that small village shops must be protected.Consultation on the Deposit Powys Local Development Plan will run from Monday to June 20 and will include exhibitions on Monday at the Gwalia in Llandrindod Wells and on Wednesday at Neuadd Maldwyn in Welshpool from 11am to 7pm. During the consultation period all documentation will be available to view at www.powys.gov.uk/ldp

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Britain is bursting at the seams with the number of vehicles on the roads increasing by more than 10 million in the past two decades. Figures for 2014 reveal there were 40 per cent more vehicles on our roads than in 1994, with motor manufacturers claiming soaring sales figures as the industry comes out of recession.

There is also a theory that the increase has been driven by a huge rise in delivery vans on our roads because of the internet shopping boom. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders says a home delivery boom had resulted in almost 100,000 vans being registered in the first three months of 2015 –22.3 per cent up on that period in 2014.

It said 108,456 commercial vehicles were registered in the quarter. That is the highest number of vans sold since the trade body began compiling figures in 1987. And I think I saw most of those vehicles on a 320mile round trip to Luton Airport last week. The outward journey was bad enough, taking over four hours – but the five hour return journey was a nightmare with the M1, M6 and M54 all closed at various times. But it's not just the motorways, our A and B roads are struggling too. On Monday what used to be a 40 minute trip from Welshpool to Wrexham took over an hour – and that's now the norm. Something simply has to be done to improve our motorway networks yet I'm sure I didn't hear the crisis mentioned once during the recent General Election campaign. We need more tarmac and we need it quickly or the UK will grind to a halt.

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What cheered me up this week was news that on-the-spot fines for littering are to increase and councils are to get more powers to tackle fly-tipping.

Environment Secretary Liz Truss wants to double fines for litter dropping to £150 and give councils new on-the-spot fine powers for fly-tipping rather than costly prosecutions through the courts. Nothing winds me up more than seeing our streets and countryside desecrated with bottles and food wrappers.

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Distressed parents who did not receive the ashes of their babies after they were cremated at Emstrey Crematorium at Shrewsbury are to receive apologies from Shropshire Council – but is that enough?

An inquiry into infant cremations at the Emstrey found that the techniques it used between 1996 and 2012 meant there were no ashes from the cremation of children under a year old that could be returned to families. If I was one of more than 50 families affected an apology would never be enough to satisfy the hurt and anger these revelations have caused.

Councillor David Lloyd has served as Oswestry borough mayor

Councillor David Lloyd has taken part in many formal occasions over the years

The long-serving and hard-working councillor is no stranger to election battles

Veteran councillor still keen to serve community

Councillor David Lloyd is happy to keep working hard for the community. SUE AUSTIN reports

HE has served local government for more than half a century – but David Lloyd is still passionate about campaigning and working for Shropshire's future.

At the age of 83 he has just agreed to continue for another term as the speaker of Shropshire Council and as councillor for Gobowen, Selattyn and Weston Rhyn.

He also serves on several committees on the unitary authority and is a regular visitor to his parish council,where he began his involvement in 1964.

During his 51 years in local government he has been mayor of the old Oswestry Borough Council, chairman of Shropshire Health Authority and a Conservative candidate for both the European and the United Kingdom Parliaments as well as being awarded an MBE.

Protect

Councillor Lloyd shows no signs of slowing down either, saying he wants to protect Shropshire from the wrong type of development, to see Britain produce more of its own food – and to encourage more young people to become involved in local government and politics.

He was only 33 when he was co-opted onto the Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council.

"As a journalist I reported on many council meetings and realised that you can make more of a difference in the council that on the outside," he said.

He managed to combine his role as a councillor with his career in journalism and the media. It was the latter that saw him being awarded an MBE, for his work during the foot and mouth crisis that hit Shropshire in 1967.

Councillor David Lloyd has held key positions in local government

He was working for the National Farmers' Union, something close to his heart as a son of a farming family. When the first case of foot and mouth hit Oswestry it quickly turned into a national crisis.

Media

Receiving media calls from all over the world he went down to the command centre at Oswestry Police Station to find out information and ended up fronting the global media exercise often working round the clock.

He said: "I shall never forget that time.

"The countryside shut down, it was silent. There were no cows to be heard, no sheep.

"Oswestry was a ghost town and when you drove up to the high ground in Pant all you could see were flames across the Shropshire plain as the cattle were burned."

He was elected to Oswestry Borough Council in 1976 and Shropshire County Council in 1977 and one of his proudest times was serving as mayor to the former in 1985, seeing it as an honour for both himself and his late wife, Joan.

"She was a shy person but did so much, taking calls for me and often able to pass on advice herself because she took an interest in the councils," he said.

"She was like a shadow councillor – we made a very good team, a double act."

Another important time was when he served as the county representative on Shropshire Health Authority and the West Midlands Regional Health Authority.

When chairman of the SHA from 1990 to 1996 he found himself mending fences between the two bodies and levering desperately needed money from the regional board.

"Shropshire was in a financial mess with a £2million deficit a massive sum 20 years ago," he said.

He also oversaw the beginnings of changes to mental health care.

"Shelton Hospital was almost Dickensian at that time and we were able to close the larger wards and provide something more human in their place."

His forays into national politics proved unsuccessful losing to Labour's Ann Clwyd in the Euro elections and the then president of Plaid Cymru Dafydd Elis Thomas as Conservative parliamentary candidate in Meirionnydd Nant Conwy in 1983.

"I have no regrets, I thoroughly enjoyed the campaigning and was up against formidable opposition," he said.

In fact he says he has enjoyed every chapter of his time in local government – including his role today as speaker.

"Fairness is the key and if I can evoke a smile, so much the better. I stick to the rules but I do have discretion and if needed I will use it. I enjoy a good debate and am keen to ensure that everyone has the chance to get involved," he added.

"I think we should encourage more public participation, particularly from younger people. Perhaps we need to look at social media as well as our youth parliament.

"Our battle today is with planning. I understand there is an urgent need for more housing, but we have a duty to defend our countryside and we also have to produce our own food.

"There may well come a time when the people in the new houses will have to depend on places like Shropshire much more for their food."

WORKING FOR YOU

Since my last Chronicle column, Westminster has been dominated by the Queen's Speech.

The event is an extravaganza of pomp and history that we British do better than anywhere else in the world. Rather than crowd into the Debating Chamber, I prefer to stand outside to welcome Her Majesty, and her entourage of royal carriages and magnificent horses.

It's a truly spectacular sight.

But the real significance of this year's Queen's Speech is that it outlines the programme of work that we will be debating through the early stages of the first Conservative Government since 1997.

One of the first issues in the 'Gracious Speech' (which is how we MPs by tradition refer to it) will be to pass a law to bring forward a referendum on whether the United Kingdom should remain a part of the European Union.

I had thought this would be highly contentious, but Labour has reversed its previous stance, and now supports an In/Out referendum.

So it will almost certainly happen. It could even happen as early as next May, though I do not personally consider this to be sensible. It's a very big deal for the UK, and for the EU.

We should not rush into what will be the most important debate during this five year Parliament.

There's many other big issues for debate as well over the next few months. Relevant to the Chronicle's readership will be future Government approach to onshore wind farms.

My view is that no onshore wind farm that does not already have planning permission should receive any Government subsidy.

It's what many of those who voted Conservative expect, and it's what I expect to happen.

If this becomes Government policy, we will be in a far better position to kill off National Grid's utterly appalling proposals to desecrate the landscapes of Montgomeryshire and North Shropshire.

Inevitably there are some proposals in the Queen's Speech that I am less sure about.

One issue that has featured, but without being included as a specific bill, is the idea of establishing a British Bill of Rights.

Personally, I can see real difficulty with this issue, and a danger of doing great harm to Britain's reputation for justice and fairness across the world.

But overall, the Queen's Speech is a strong platform for a Conservative Government to create a strong and successful Britain.

Glyn Davies
Montgomeryshire MP

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A: When dealing with export sales, unless you are prepared to negotiate contracts with each buyer, it would be a good idea to incorporate International Commerce Terms (incoterms) into your standard agreement. Incoterms are internationally recognised standard terms maintained by the International Chamber of Commerce that relate to the costs, risks and practical arrangements of the sale of goods. Consequently, because incoterms are internationally recognised, they are very useful for cross border trade.

There are a number of incoterms and it is important that you select the right one. It is also important to ensure that it has been properly incorporated into your agreement and to make the specific details, such as the description of the goods and the delivery address, as precise as possible.

Whilst incoterms undoubtedly assist those companies which are venturing into international trade, they do not cover everything that a good agreement should cover. For example, incoterms do not cover limitation of liability, payment terms, intellectual property issues or the country in which any dispute will be resolved. It would therefore be commercially practical for you to seek legal advice from a reputable commercial lawyer before setting up any contracts for overseas clients.

Further information relating to this question is available from Nicholas Kennan, a Solicitor Advocate with GHP Legal.
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Consequences of financial mistakes

IT should be remembered that while Gordon Brown eventually took some action to help avert the financial crisis in Europe, by 2010 we were suffering the consequences of his dramatic increase in public spending and several financial blunders.

On July 14 1998 after initially sticking to the strict curbs on public spending that he had inherited from the Tories he was now preparing to let rip.

By 1997, public spending stood at £322 billion. Ten years later, after Brown's 1998 Comprehensive Spending Review, it stood at over £600 billion.

The public sector exploded in every direction. A year or two after the start of the spending spree the King's Fund noted that the number of managers in the NHS had risen by 66 per cent – much faster than the numbers of new doctors and nurses.

By 2010 the public sector had become so swollen that it accounted for 52 per cent of our economy, up from 36 per cent in a decade. That left the other 48 per cent to foot a barely imaginable bill – at a time when the private sector was shrinking with each new tax and regulation laid upon it.

Among Brown's worst blunders are:

1. Taxing dividends made to pension funds, thereby taking £5 billion a year from people who had worked hard and were looking forward to a decent pension.

2. Selling our gold reserves. Considered by economic advisers to be ill-timed due to the slump in the price of gold which was further exacerbated by such a major sell-off driving the price down still further.

3. The system of financial regulation dividing powers between the Treasury, the Bank of England and the Financial Services Authority, established by Brown in 2000, missed what amounted to the biggest financial crisis of our time.

J W SIMMONS
Muxton

Meeting will get to root of problems of town's traffic

CAN I congratulate the new Welshpool Town Councillor Graham Breeze for organising the recent meeting which highlighted the continuing problems with the controversial one way system in Welshpool?

It is worth noting that according to Councillor Breeze not one of the 60 or so that attended the meeting said they were happy with the system.

There are many questions that remain unanswered regarding the introduction of the one way system.

Are Tesco being unfairly blamed for the one way system?

We also heard that the Red Bank was being used as a 'rat run' and there are fears for the safety of children attending the school at the top of Red Bank.

This suggests that the scheme was ill thought out and rushed .

Consider the fact that there are no contingency plans available should Broad Street or High Street be closed in an emergency. We can see, following the recent closure of Church Street, how the town was in chaos while these works were carried out.

After a recent incident close to the junction of Jehu Road the High Street was closed for some time and with no contingency in place some motorists carried out a U turn and proceeded to travel down the one way system into the ongoing traffic back from whence they came.

Now following the excellent work by Councillor Breeze, we are at last going to have a public meeting to discuss the one way system on Monday, June 22. Let's all get behind Councillor Breeze and attend the meeting and have a proper debate on the future of Welshpool. Let's not be dictated to by the Welsh Office or the county council, this is our town not just a dot on a map and town councillors should be striving to get this mess sorted out at long last and not be content for a few tweaks that could prove to make things even worse than they are.

JOHN EVANS
Welshpool

Road gang at work at the turn of last century

A road gang, probably in the Oswestry area as the photographer was "T. Hamblett, Photographer, Oswestry". The date is unknown. About 1908 maybe? This picture was loaned by David Benson of Shropshire Postcard Club.

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A recent change in our constitution means we can now provide equipment that will serve the wider community. This has enabled us to give eight defibrillators to different groups in our area. These include the scout hut, Powis Castle, the Spar Guilsfield and Dolanog Community Centre.

FRANCESCA JUMP
Secretary
Welshpool League of Friends

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Landlords in benefit boom

LOCAL councils have now revealed that private landlords are paid millions every year via housing benefit. In total, £9.2 billion was given to private landlords in 2013/14. For example, a landlord in Watford makes £3.2 million a year from housing benefit and a caravan site owner in Essex makes £1,924,226.

These are the kind of people who are pushing the price of property up beyond the reach of our children and grandchildren.

FRANCES ROBBS
Shrewsbury

What drives us to commit these awful atrocities?

THE massacre of hundreds of Yazidis by Isis is pure barbaric evil, reminiscent of the barbarian hordes who swept across from the east in ancient times.

But hang on, it's not just uncivilised tribes who act this way.

We have just marked the 70th anniversary of the Holocaust and more recently the Srebrenica massacre, during the Balkans crisis of the 1990s.

It's time we recognised what forces make whole groups today act like barbarians.

What evil forces drive people to inflict such inhuman cruelty?

Jesus explained that powerful spiritual forces are at work.

It's like the wind, you don't know where it comes from or where it goes.

These forces affect us all, we all regret some of what we say and do.

Evil, cruel people are completely controlled by Satan. The only way, Jesus said, is to be filled with our Father's spirit of love, joy and peace.

RON JONES
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Ban on remedy is just madness

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It was banned due to birth defects in babies of people who worked with it.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man sorry for drinks offence

A YOUNG man has apologised to magistrates for his "stupidity" in driving while drunk.

Lloyd Dafydd Meredith admitted drink driving on the A490 in Llanfyllin. He appeared at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday after being arrested on May 10 following a breath test which showed he had 84 microgrammes of alcohol in 100ml of breath.

Meredith, 25, of Criggion Close, Four Crosses, was banned from driving for 17 months. Helen Tench, prosecuting, said police on patrol in their car had seen Meredith's car reverse out of a parking space without its lights on.

She said they flashed their lights at him but he drove off without putting his lights on.

Meredith, who represented himself, admitted drink driving and apologised to the court.

He said: "It was stupidity and I'm sorry."

Magistrates fined him £280 and imposed £263 in charges and costs.

Thousands raised for quake victims

CHURCHES across Oswestry have sent almost £3,000 to support relief efforts in Nepal following the two devastating earthquakes.

An initial collection following the first earthquake in April brought in £1,021. Following the second earthquake Albert Road Church collected £725 which it sent via Tearfund, while Horeb Church, Seion Church and Cornerstone Baptist Church also sent in contributions of hundreds of pounds from their congregations.

And Our Lady and Saint Oswald's Catholic Church raised more than £700 which it sent via CAFOD.

Council identifies sites for road improvements

Report by Pam Kingsley

THREE potential sites for new traffic lights and crossings have been found in Oswestry.

Members of the town council's development and planning committee were asked to look at ways to improve safety for pedestrians in the residential areas of the town centre.

Councillors agreed urgent changes needed to be made to the area around Roft Street, where the town's Central Car Park exits out into the residential streets.

Suggestions were put forward by Councillor John Gareth Jones for the street to be made one-way from the junction with Salop Road to the junction with Stewart Road, near the car park exit.

Calls were made for a pedestrian crossing or traffic lights at the junction to make it safer for pedestrians and for traffic.

Members agreed to refer the matter to Shropshire Council's highways department as a priority and asked for a suitable location for a pedestrian crossing to be looked at. The committee meeting also heard that complaints had been made over the safety of the crossroads of Church Street, Upper Church Street, Upper Brook Street and Lower Brook Street.

Shropshire Council engineers have visited the site to look at the traffic lights, some of which aren't visible once vehicles cross into the centre of the junction.

The councillors were also asked to consider the junction of Salop Road and Victoria Road, in the light of plans for a new supermarket. Members agreed to ask Shropshire Council to monitor the roads there and to refer the findings to the highways department.

Free course will teach vital skills

Oswestry deputy mayor Paul Milner gets in some early practice with community responder Nigel Keighley

A COURSE is being laid on to teach life-saving skills including how to use a defibrillator to people from all walks of life.

Oswestry Cambrian Rotary club will be hosting the British Heart Foundation "Heartstart" community first aid session, run by the West Midlands Ambulance Service's community responders in Oswestry. The course will last for two hours and will be very practical. Attendees will learn how to recognise a heart attack, how to carry out CPR on casualties of all ages, and how to treat unconsciousness, choking and severe bleeding.

It will take place on Saturday at Oswestry Fire Station, Mount Street, starting at 10am. There is no charge but attendees will be asked to make a donation towards the Oswestry Community Responders.

A second course in using a defibrillator will be run a few weeks later.

For more details and to reserve a place contact (01691) 650854.

Officers in campaign to cut down drink-driving

A CRACKDOWN on drink and drug drivers has been launched by police in Shropshire and Mid Wales.

Both West Mercia Police and Dyfed-Powys Police say they will step up proactive patrols over the coming weeks as part of the Summer Drink Drive campaign.

Last year, Dyfed-Powys Police carried out 5,535 tests during the month-long campaign, with 88 testing positive. The Safer Roads Partnership in Warwickshire and West Mercia said officers in the region breathalysed 2,777 motorists, with 180 testing positive. Over the past three years, 118 people have been killed or seriously injured in West Mercia as a result of collisions involving drink or drugs.

Vicki Barstow, spokeswoman for the Safer Roads Partnership, said the force is particularly concerned about motorists aged between 17 and 30.

She said just over 64 per cent of drivers involved in collisions causing death or serious injury involving drink or drugs were in the age group, with 87 per cent being male.

"During the summer months, we all enjoy the longer evenings but this often puts people in situations where they may be drinking more than usual including barbecues, local pub gardens and festivals," she said.

"Our campaign aims to highlight the fact that mixing drinking and driving simply isn't worth the risk.

"Our message is very simple. If you're driving, don't drink any alcohol at all. Alcohol affects everyone very differently and any amount can impair your ability to drive. The only safe option is to avoid alcohol completely if you are driving, as even 'just one drink' could put you over the limit."

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Charity site is improved by scheme

THE headquarters of a charity in Llanfyllin has been given a makeover thanks to one of the town's businesses.

Give and Gain Day is a charity event where big companies help communities around their area.

Stadco, an automotive manufacturing company, helped Mencap in Llanfyllin to renovate and rejuvenate a building and garden.

Workers from Stadco spent the day helping to refurbish inside and outside the building.

The workers painted and decorated and put a new roof on a shed that was collapsing, tidied the garden and cleared the area at the back of the workshop.

The volunteers also removed the remains of a static caravan that was on the site and organised a wood store.

June Stacy, worker at Mencap, which helps people with learning difficulties, said: "We are very thankful of this project. It has helped us so much to repair the building and improve outside."

Prior to the day, Stadco asked other businesses in the area to help donate items for the project and items were donated by various local firms.

Curtain to come down on concerts

BIRMINGHAM-BASED choir Ex Cathedra will visit Oswestry to bring the curtain down on a programme of concerts.

The choir will perform Vespers by Rachmaninov on Saturday at Holy Trinity Church, Roft Street. It will be the final concert of this year's Oswestry School Recital Series. It starts at 7.30pm. Call Oswestry School on (01691) 681135 for tickets.

WE MEAN BUSINESS

THE Chronicle's We Mean Business campaign celebrates Oswestry's businesses. This week we celebrate Booka Bookshop of Church Street.

Booka Bookshop has been named UK & Ireland Independent Bookshop of the Year 2015 at The Bookseller Industry Awards.

Earlier in the year, it was also shortlisted in the UK's 'Best Small Shops' competition.

Booka is owned and run by Carrie and Tim Morris. Since opening its doors for the first time in October 2009, it has established a reputation as a destination shop, renowned for the quality of its book stock and its strong community focus – one of the keys to its success.

With a prominent position on Church Street and a bright and airy, relaxed feel, Booka aims to provide a distinctive and memorable shopping experience – one that can't be bought online.

It combines its book offer with a high quality range of cards, stationery and gifts and a cafe selling coffee, teas and home-made cakes.

The shop hosts a wide and varied programme of events, bringing an exciting mix of bestselling authors and some of the best new writers to Oswestry.

It runs five thriving book clubs and this year has taken on the directorship of the Oswestry Literary Festival, having been a festival partner, bookseller and box office since the first LitFest back in 2010.

Carrie and Tim Morris of Booka Bookshop, Church Street, Oswestry

NEWS IN BRIEF

Horrible line-up at town library

A RAT, an escaped privateer and the infamous Napoleon Bonaparte will take over a town's library as some horrible history is brought to life.

Rosie the Rat, Beastly Boney and Capitaine Jacques will be taking part in Horrible Events in History – Napoleonic Wars 1803-1815 at Oswestry Library on June 13.

The event for children, being held by Oswestry Family & Local History Group, has been organised to celebrate the bicentenary of the Battle of Waterloo. From 2pm there will be stories, competitions and creative activities as well as the chance to punish naughty Capitaine Jacques by putting him in the stocks and pelting him with fruit and eggs.

There will also be the opportunity for children to have their photographs taken in the stocks or with Beastly Boney, played by Sandy Best, Capitaine Jacques, played by Tony Harrison, or Pam Willing's character Rosie the Rat, whose first cousin appears in the Horrible Histories books.

Mixed choir to perform at hall

LLANSILIN Mixed Choir will perform a concert at Trefonen Village Hall near Oswestry.

The concert will feature a variety of popular and traditional songs.

The songs will be sung in both Welsh and English.

The concert will take place on Saturday.

The event will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 and are available on the door or by calling (01691) 657011.

All proceeds will go to the upkeep of Trefonen Village Hall.

Refreshments will be available during the event at the village hall as well as a licensed bar.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Churchyard will open its gates

THE secrets of a Mid Wales churchyard will be revealed thanks to a national scheme.

Meifod Parish Church, near Welshpool, will open its yard during Cherishing Churchyards Week.

It will open on Saturday with coffee, tea and cakes available from 10.30am to 4pm, with visitors welcome to picnic in the churchyard,

Church members will show visitors around the churchyard at 11am, noon, 2pm and 3pm, and there will be a children's trail for younger visitors. For more details ring (01938) 500107.

The day will end at 4.30pm with a short service to celebrate and remember those who have been buried in the churchyard, had funerals in Meifod or have been part of the community.

Online dementia booklet launched

AN online dementia awareness booklet has been launched by Powys County Council.

The booklet aims to help those living with dementia recall memories and a sense of wellbeing, the council said. Councillor Dawn Bailey, Powys County Council's dementia champion, said: "With Powys and Ceredigion having the highest predicted rate of dementia in Wales with an increase of 44 per cent by 2021, finding all means of tackling the problems surrounding the condition is seen as a priority.

"Raising awareness of both the benefits of reading and the materials available in our libraries is an important step towards making the resources we have more accessible to those who need them."

Gameshow star set to take to stage in town

Report by Andrew Morris

A FORMER gameshow hostess who became one of the most famous faces on British TV will take to the stage in Welshpool in the coming weeks.

Isla St Clair, who is best known for her work as being an assistant to Larry Grayson on the Generation Game, will present her Eyes Front show in Welshpool.

The star, who is also a folk singer and actress, will perform at Church House in Church Bank on June 12 at 2pm.

Organiser Alan Crowe said: "The show looks at the popular songs in wartime and how they boost morale.

"I am absolutely thrilled to welcome Isla to Welshpool as she is a real star who was beamed into millions of homes when she was on the Generation Game.

"She has a great following of fans and is well loved in the industry and this will be a show not to miss."

The appearance of Isla St Clair in Welshpool follows on from the appearance of another famous face from the 1970s in the town.

Singing star Tammy Jones, who in 1975 won the television show Opportunity Knocks and scored a top five hit record with Let Me Try Again, appeared in Welshpool on Saturday.

Tickets for the Isla St Clair show are available in advance from Welshpool Jewellers in High Street.

Churches to welcome new vicar

The Rev Caroline Rhodes is taking up a new ministry in the Welshpool area

A GROUP of churches will be welcoming a new vicar.

The Bishop of St Asaph, the Right Rev Dr Gregory Cameron, will lead a special act of worship in St Aelhaiarn's Church, Guilsfield, on Sunday to welcome the Rev Caroline Rhodes to her new ministry in the Welshpool area.

Rev Rhodes will be ministering in the Pool Mission Area as vicar of Guilsfield, Buttington and Pool Quay.

Bishop Gregory said: "It is a delight to welcome Caroline, and her husband, Geoff, to Wales from the Diocese of Derby. Caroline joins a group of parishes in fine form, and brings fresh perspectives and talent. We are sure that she will enjoy ministry in Wales."

Rev Rhodes grew up in Gillingham, Kent, and worked as a pharmacist for nearly 20 years before training for ordination in Oxfordshire in the early 2000s. Most recently she has been associate priest in the Wirksworth Team Ministry, serving 10 rural parishes in the Peak District.

The service will be held at 3.30pm and all are welcome.

Man is hurt in assault in car park

AN argument on a bus turned into a violent attack in a car park, police have said.

One man was taken to hospital after the attack in the Berriew Street car park in Welshpool.

Dyfed-Powys Police officers are appealing for witnesses to the incident to come forward.

The police say they believe there would have been plenty of people both on the bus and in the area of the car park during the violent attack.

The incident happened just after 5.30pm on Monday after a bus from the Newtown area had pulled into Welshpool.

Pc Jim Baines said: "It appears that an argument on the bus escalated when the two men got off the vehicle.

"It must have been a violent incident because we were contacted by several people."

He said that one man was taken to hospital with injuries to his face but they are not believed to be serious.

A 46-year-old local man was arrested a short while later in the town, police have said.

Anyone with information is urged to contact 101.

Community asset plan is outlined

PEOPLE in Mid Wales are being encouraged to have their say on plans to give communities power over how local buildings and facilities are run.

The Welsh Government is considering developing a law to help communities run assets such as halls, churches, playing fields, pubs and post offices.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Theatre stars wow audience

THEATRE pupils wowed audiences with a variety of songs spanning from the 1970s to the 2000s when they took to the stage at The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton.

Students from Stagecoach Theatre Arts School in Oswestry joined pupils from schools across Staffordshire, Shropshire, Cambridgeshire and the West Midlands to perform 'Stagecoach Live in Wolverhampton'.

The event included the students' performances from The Wedding Singer and more modern favourites such as number one hit, Uptown Funk by Bruno Mars.

Stagecoach Theatre Arts Oswestry principal, Debbie Jones said: "The students put so much effort in to their performances and we were so proud to see them showing off all their hard work.

"The event gave our pupils the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience, demonstrating their talents and creativity. It was also great for parents to see what their children have been enjoying ."

Students focus on good health

HEALTHY living was in the spotlight at Walford and North Shropshire College when students held a health promotion event for their classmates and visitors at the Oswestry campus.

The Access to Higher Education students took over the foyer with interactive displays on a variety of health related subjects.

Among the activities the students staged was an exploration of the facts on fizzy drinks, how to deal with stress and anxiety, the benefits of the Mediterranean diet and testing your fitness levels with Wii Fit games console equipment.

Peace celebrations will be held in town's park

Report by Pam Kingsley

THE peace celebrations which followed the end of the First World War will be re-enacted in Oswestry in 2019.

A day of celebrations in Cae Glas Park, in the centre of the town, will be organised to coincide with the centenary of the end of the war -–which officially did not come to an end until June 1919.

Town Councillor Sandy Best, who is also a keen local historian, said she came up with the idea after finding a leaflet for the original celebrations in the town archives.

She said: "The programme had a number of races, tennis, bowls and music. It started in the morning and went through different races of different lengths. There was a list of the music being played by a band.

"I got incredibly excited about this and the centenary is such an important occasion to celebrate that it would be really exciting to re-enact the celebrations."

Oswestry Town Council agreed at its recent amenities meeting to support the celebrations. Councillor Chris Stokes said he fully supported the idea.

He said: "I think it's a wonderful idea. It helps to promote Oswestry and I think we should get behind Councillor Best on this one" Councillor Best said she envisioned the 2019 celebrations to be held in the July to coincide with the centenary commemorations. The original peace celebrations took place on July 19, 1919 in Cae Glas Park.

"We've got plenty of time to organise it," she said. "But I think after four years of celebrating different aspects of war it would be really good to celebrate peace."

Chick hatches at nature reserve

The first chick to hatch in 2015 at the nature reserve near Machynlleth

THE first osprey chick of the year has been born at a nature reserve in Powys.

Ospreys Monty and Glesni have a nest at the site near Machynlleth, which is looked after by the Dyfi Osprey Project, and for the first time this year had laid three eggs.

The first one hatched on Friday morning last week, watched by 300 visitors who had made the trip to the visitor centre nearby to watch the hatching as it happened.

Emyr Evans from the Dyfi Osprey project said the hatching had taken place exactly as predicted.

He said: "Sometimes nature can be so unpredictable, yet at other times, you can almost set your watch to it. Monty and Glesni arrived back from migration exactly on time, laid eggs exactly when we'd expect them too and bang on 37 days later, the first chick hatches from the first egg laid."

It is not yet known whether the chick is male or female.

Hospitals on target with their cancer wait times

THE trust which runs Shropshire's two acute hospitals hit all of its targets for cancer waiting times last year.

Performance has been improving consistently over recent months, with improvements in performance in each quarter for the last year at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust's Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford.

During 2014/2015, 85.23 per cent of patients received their first treatment within 62 days of an urgent GP referral – the target is 85 per cent – and 92.24 per cent of patients received their first treatment after being referred following screening, the target is 90 per cent.

GPs referred 17,045 patients to the trust with a suspected cancer diagnosis and 94.76 per cent of these patients received their first appointment within the two-week target.

Jackie Davies, cancer performance manager at the trust, said: "The cancer services team has been working closely with colleagues across our care groups and centres to ensure that all patients have access to timely cancer care.

"Working hand-in-hand with our colleagues in other departments, we ensure that patients are seen in a timely fashion at every stage of their treatment."

Jessica Hancox, lead cancer nurse at the trust, added: "This level of performance is a great achievement for the trust. I hope this will reassure anyone referred to our hospitals with a suspected cancer diagnosis that they will receive prompt, effective, patient-centred care from staff who ensure our patients are at the heart of all they do."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Laundry theory behind blaze

OIL-SOAKED laundry is believed to have caused a fire which led to a hotel being evacuated.

The fire at Moreton Park Hotel at Gledrid, near Chirk, is one of a number of puzzling blazes which fire safety experts say may have been started in laundry in a tumble dryer.

Paul Fulgoni, an officer with Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service's prevention and protection team, believes in many of the cases being investigated the laundry may have been washed and tumble-dried, and then packed away before it had cooled properly. No-one from Moreton Park Hotel was available to comment.

Six people suffered smoke inhalation following the fire at the hotel on May 17. The hotel was evacuated after the fire broke out on the first floor at 2.45pm, and people were not allowed back into their rooms until 6pm.

Mr Fulgoni said: "The danger arises when items like tea cloths and towels that may be soaked in vegetable oil are washed but oil residue remains afterwards."

Caring youngsters sell their toys

SCHOOLCHILDREN have been selling their toys to raise funds for Nepal after seeing the devastation caused by the recent earthquakes.

The pupils from Moreton First School near Weston Rhyn asked teachers how they could help and then decided to donate their toys and organise a toy sale in the school hall.

Catherine Ford, head of Moreton First, said: "Each term we have a whole school topic focusing on a different country, its culture and traditions. Typically they were very keen to get involved, thus the idea of the toy sale was born."

Junior bowls club will be established in town

Report by Pam Kingsley

A JUNIOR bowls club will be set up in Oswestry following the success of community games in the town.

The move was sparked by the popularity of the game with children during the Oswestry Community Games held in 2013 and 2014.

Following the first event, two sets of junior bowls were bought by the town council, but organisers had to borrow a further 10 sets from Newport Bowls Club owing to the demand expected.

Now Clive Knight, organiser of the games, is hoping to set up a juniors club based on the bowling green in Cae Glas Park in the centre of Oswestry in association with Oswestry Team Tennis.

He said: "This idea came from the Community Games which were set up in 2013. We had extensive use of the bowling green during those events, particularly with the juniors.We had over 100 juniors on the green over the previous Community Games days. If we can get so many youngsters interested then we can increase participation on the bowling green.

"This is a simple idea and could get a lot of people using the green. If for each of those juniors there was an adult as well it could be very good for the green."

Mr Knight said he hopes the club will be running in time for this year's Community Games on September 20.

The green would be open free of charge for juniors on certain days.

Set up costs are expected to be about £1,000, which would cover equipment, training a coach, insurance, affiliation fees and other expenses.

Community work is recognised

Eleanor Gilbert, who works at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, has served the community for many years

A DEDICATED youth worker, parish councillor and orthotic technician has had her contribution to the community recognised by the Queen.

Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital staff member Eleanor Gilbert, from Nesscliffe, has been awarded a British Empire Medal for her work with young people and services to the community after being nominated by Nesscliffe Parish Council's clerk.

Eleanor has helped run Nesscliffe Youth Club on a voluntary basis for 11 years and has also been a parish councillor for 14 years.

She has worked at the orthopaedic hospital for more than 30 years working with patients to improve their mobility.

She said it came as a great surprise when she received the award letter in November telling her she would be receiving the medal. She said: "I thought the letter was a joke at first as I couldn't believe that I would have been nominated."

Scandalover baby ashes leads to call for changes

A NATIONWIDE overhaul of regulations governing baby cremations is needed following an inquiry into the baby ashes scandal at Shrewsbury's crematorium.

That was the verdict of the inquiry, carried out by David Jenkins, which was launched by Shropshire Council last year after it emerged that for 17 years parents had been told they would receive no ashes from the cremation of infants and babies carried out at Emstrey Crematorium in Shrewsbury.

Among the recommendations included in the inquiry report, Mr Jenkins calls on the Government to create of a code of practice for baby and infant cremations, and to appoint an inspector to promote the code and "maximise the chances of the preservation of ashes that can be returned to the applicant for the cremation".

Mr Jenkins said he had "been struck by the absence of authoritative national guidance, other than on the specific issue of environmental protection".

The inquiry also reported evidence that claims it would not have been possible to return ashes to parents at Emstrey between 1996 and 2012 without breaching environmental guidelines.

However, despite that, Mr Jenkins says the manufacturers of the equipment used at the crematorium during that time say it was capable of returning ashes to parents, but that staff were not aware of the "manual override" required to carry out the procedure.

In delivering his inquiry report, Mr Jenkins said there had been 51 cremations at Emstrey where parents had not received ashes.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mayor re-elected for second term

COUNCILLOR Malcolm Douglass has been re-elected by fellow councillors to serve as the Mayor of Welshpool for a second term.

In a break with tradition at last week's annual meeting of Welshpool Town Council some councillors nominated Deputy Mayor Steve Kaye in a secret ballot.

It is a Welshpool tradition that the Mayor is re-elected for a second year in office.

But Town Clerk Robert Robinson announced that both councillors had been nominated.

But Councillor Kaye turned down the nomination.

"I can not accept. It is only proper that the Mayor serves his second term," he said.

Accepting his nomination the Mayor said: "I thank the council for their confidence in me and will do the utmost to serve this town."

The Deputy Mayor was also re-elected after Councillors Hazel Evans and Derek Simms declined nominations.

Crash leads to closure of road

A ROAD just outside Welshpool town centre was closed for several hours after a two-car crash.

The collision happened at about 10.30am on Monday near the Red Lane entrance to Powis Castle.

The road collision involved a Ford Focus and a Volkswagen Golf, police said.

A police spokesman said the occupants of the cars had sustained some injuries and were treated at the scene by paramedics.

Police closed the road and set up diversions, and the road eventually reopened at about 3.15pm.

Householders urged to step up recycling effort

Report by Andrew Morris

HOUSEHOLDS in Mid Wales are being urged to step up recycling efforts by another notch – despite meeting strict targets.

The Welsh Assembly imposes the targets on Powys County Council each year, and the county achieved the 52 per cent target for March.

But to avoid penalties, the council will have to ensure residents hit 58 per cent by this time next year.

Councillor John Powell, Powys County Council cabinet member for environment and sustainability, said: "We would like to thank all our residents and traders that are using the recycling services for their efforts to date. However, the council needs to improve its recycling rate further as there is still too much rubbish going to landfill.

"This is a very expensive option for council tax payers which can be avoided if Powys residents make an effort to reduce, re-use and recycle their rubbish wherever possible." He added: "But the tweak to collections from June 1 as to what can and can't be recycled is sure to confuse households once again. Bubble wrap and other plastics such as magazine wrappers can no longer be collected due to cost.

"We have also been reviewing the materials that we collect to ensure that we recover as high a quality recyclate as possible. The higher quality the material we collect the more income we will generate and less costs will be incurred during its recovery.

"One of the materials that causes great difficulties is plastic film. It is extremely difficult to find a market for, and also adds additional cost to the sorting process, for very little benefit."

Diamond couple celebrate together

John and Irene Hirst have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Photo: Peter Shah.

A COUPLE whose friendship blossomed into love when they both returned to the factory where they first met have celebrated their diamond wedding.

John and Irene Hirst, who have lived near Oswestry for the past 30 years, celebrated their 60th anniversary with a charity fundraising evening for family and friends. Mr and Mrs Hirst, who are both 80, say caring and sharing is their recipe for a good marriage.

The couple, now living in Gobowen, first met when they were just 15 and working at a carpet factory in Yorkshire. Mrs Hirst said: "We both left the factory, myself to go into children's nursing and John went to Korea in the army.

"But circumstances meant we both returned and are friendship turned into romance."

Mr Hirst spent 30 years serving in the police force in Bedfordshire and when he retired the couple decided to make their home in Shropshire.

Mikey has success at big archery competition

A WOUNDED ex-serviceman has made a stunning debut on to the international archery competition scene, taking a gold and bronze medal at the para world-ranking archery tournament in Holland.

Former Lance Corporal Mikey Hall, from St Martins, near Oswestry, made a very strong start to his international archery career as part of the open compound men's team competition alongside GB team mates John Stubbs and Nathan MacQueen. The GB team saw off Russia's challenge 225-221 to take the bronze medal.

In the individual competition, Mikey went two better, winning the gold medal in the open compound men's category, with a two point win over Italy's Matteo Bonacina – a significant achievement at his first international competition representing Great Britain.

Mikey, 39, was left paralysed from the chest down after an accident on an army assault course, breaking his neck and back in numerous places.

But he used Help for Heroes' Sports Recovery programme to recover, particularly archery, for which he was already a qualified coach.

He now uses a compound bow, which is a short bow ideal for target shooting and easier to use when in a wheelchair, and competes in the open compound men category for wheelchair competitors with normal function in their arms. Last year he was selected to spend 10 days in Sochi as part of the British Paralympic Association's Paralympic Inspiration Programme and he was talent spotted for archery and pistol shooting after taking part in a skills test event at the Help for Heroes Phoenix House Recovery Centre in Yorkshire.

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Exhibitors who booked on the first year are still coming back to this day, so it's always good to catch up, Jamie Wards Free Range pork and Stonehouse brewery's for example. We do have a few new bookings this year which I'm looking forward to trying Padian Far Eastern Cooking who cook a range of Indonesian hot food, also we have a Pasta van outside the Town Hall which obviously sells Pasta with a variety of sauces.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Initiatives boost area's road safety

MOTORISTS in Powys have the opportunity to become safer road users thanks to a number of safety initiatives provided by the county council.

Powys County Council's Road Safety Unit says it works hard to provide education, training and publicity in an attempt to reduce the number of collisions and casualties on the county's roads. Some of the initiatives now available to Powys motorists include Pass Plus Cymru, Drive On, Mature Motoring, Ride On and Biker Down.

Pass Plus Cymru is a young drivers scheme available to all 17-25 year olds, consisting of a theory session and a nine-hour paired practical session. The course, which costs just £20, also covers motorway and city driving and may help to reduce insurance costs by making a young driver a safer driver. Drive On is a free one-hour driving assessment, which is provided for all residents aged 65 years and over. The Mature Motoring workshop is also available to residents aged 65 years and over and covers topics such as night-time driving.

Club is holding gin tasting event

THE Rotary Club of Oswestry will be holding a gin tasting social evening for club members and friends on June 19.

Visitors will be guided through the selection of gins at The Dining Rooms, Welsh Walls, by Geoff Hughes, starting at 7.30pm.

The eight gins on offer will be in measures of 12.5ml accompanied by a canapé designed to complement the gin. To make things more interesting, gins will be unmarked but have tasting notes, and guests will be invited to match the gins to their names. To reserve places ring 07946 403157 by June 10.

Balloon equipment to go under the hammer

Report by Sue Austin

AN auction of balloon manufacturing equipment following the collapse of the Lindstrand Balloons Company will be held next week.

The company – the name relinquished by ballooning adventurer Per Lindstrand 12 year ago – folded earlier this year.

Now the liquidator Graham Down has instructed that a vast list of equipment is sold at a Harry Ray and Company auction at the Lindstrand Balloons premises on the Mile Oak Industrial Estate in Oswestry on Thursday.

People can bid for a small number of balloons, including one shaped like a motorbike, as well as factory equipment and tools.

Mr Lindstrand, who now specialises in tethered HiFlyers and SkyFlyers and inflatable buildings at his Lindstrand Technology headquarters, has already started hiring some of the 19 people who lost their jobs and says he is going back into balloon making.

But he said he was unlikely to buy equipment at the auction.

He said: "Lindstrand Technologies is doing well, we have the best order books on record and we have already recruited eight staff this year.

"I have already had a lot of interest from potential buyers for my new hot air balloons."

The auction list includes three 4x4 vehicles and several trailers as well as a balloon transporter on rubber tracks and a fork lift truck.

Store supports local football club

Club treasurer Ken Jones and manager Andy Williams receive the cheque from Andrew Faulks from Stans

STANS Superstore in St Martins near Oswestry has donated nearly £16,000 in total to a variety of local charities and worthy causes with the latest donation going to Dudleston Heath Football Club.

The store in St Martin raises the money through the Making A Difference Locally charity which means every time shoppers buy specific products in store, money is raised for local charities or good causes.

The football club will spend the £250 donation on purchasing new equipment including match balls, a first aid kit and insurance.

Store manager Justin Smart said: "Over the years of being a Nisa member we have raised a phenomenal amount and this has benefitted ultra-local causes such as toddler groups, sensory gardens, football clubs and pantomime groups."

Stans Superstore partner Andrew Faulks presented the cheque to the club's secretary Ken Jones and manager Andy Williams.

Prize given to reward service of volunteers

THEY work tirelessly to make a difference to the people they serve – and now volunteers at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital are set to be recognised for their efforts by the Queen.

The hospital's League of Friends group is among three Shropshire groups which will be presented with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

Tricia Norris, chairman of the league of friends, said: "We are delighted to have been recognised for the outstanding contribution our volunteers make to the hospital.

"We have 17 fundraising branches across Shropshire and North Wales and they have raised more than £4m since the charity began more than fifty years ago.

"Our 200 volunteers operate a cafe, shop, library, trolley service and patient help desk.

"They visit patients, read to them, help with meal times and brighten up the hospital with their floral arrangements and gardening skills.

"Patients, visitors and staff tell us on a daily basis how much our services are appreciated but this award publicly and nationally recognises the work of all our wonderful volunteers."

The award is the group equivalent on the MBE, and each organisation had to meet the high standards set by the judges.

The other Shropshire groups set to be given the award are Shropshire Horticultural Society and The Friends of Apley Wood.

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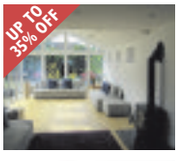

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Home has magnificent views of the Welsh countryside

A deceptively spacious three bedroom bungalow, The Holly & The Ivy, Commins Coch, Machynlleth, is being sold through McCartneys for £185,000.
The property enjoys magnificent views of the Welsh countryside. It's not only the views that grab the imagination but the extremely well maintained gardens and situation of the property. Accommodation briefly comprises of a living room, kitchen, conservatory, bathroom, three bedrooms, study and utility room.
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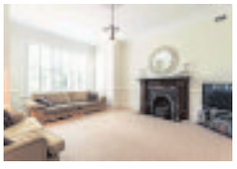

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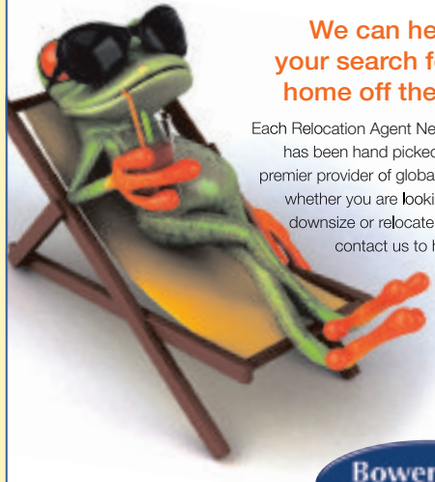

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Home is on exclusive modern development

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Halls

Home has well appointed accommodation

A large detached Edwardian family village house, Sunnyside on Station Road in Whittington offers exceptionally well appointed accommodation throughout. The property is on the market with JJ Dell & Co for £269,950. Accommodation includes an entrance hall, cloakroom, three receptions rooms and a breakfast/kitchen. Upstairs there are four bedrooms and a large family bathroom. The property also has a sewing room. The property is set back from the road and is approached over a concreted drive providing ample car parking and access to garaging. For more details contact JJ Dell and Co on 01691 653437 or 680212.

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Farmhouse has many outstanding features

Woodhead Estates is privileged to offer Bryn Goleu, St Martins, to the sales market with its many outstanding benefits, not least of which being its quiet rural setting. On the market for offers in the region of £539,950, at the heart of Bryn Goleu is a well-proportioned period farmhouse with many lovely internal features as well as a peaceful lawned garden. There is land, predominently laid to pasture, extending to approximately five acres, an extensive range of outbuildings, as well as a two-storey red-brick barn converted to provide business accommodation.For more details contact Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044.

WOODHEAD ESTATES

Delightful detached home is in lovely village

With no chain, Delfan, in Glyn Ceiriog is a delightful recently refurbished two bedroom detached cottage style bungalow.

It is on the market through Town & Country for £139,950. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, two bedrooms and shower room. To the outside the front of property has a paved parking space with a gated access to the side rear garden. The rear garden is mainly lawned with a seating area, two sheds, oil tank and planted borders. For more details contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.

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Immaculate 1880s home has great views

Wern Ddu Farm at Penybontfawr is an immaculate and well-appointed detached house dating back to the 1880s, which comes with outbuildings and a 5.5-acre paddock and superb views.
It is for sale through Halls at £395,000. It has a reception hall, a formal lounge, a kitchen and utility room. There is also a WC, a dining room, a conservatory/garden room, a master bedroom en-suite, bedroom two with a wardrobe and en-suite, a bathroom and bedroom three with a recessed double wardrobe.
For further information contact Halls on 01691 670320 or visit www.hallsgb.com

Halls

Four bedroom property has period features throughout

This is a rare opportunity to purchase a spacious four bedroom semi-detached property. Greystones Court on Shrewsbury Road is situated on the fringe of the popular market town of Oswestry.The property has period features throughout and offers flexible living accommodation including large entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room, cloakroom, boiler room, cellar, four large bedrooms and family bathroom. Externally the property is approached over a gravelled driveway leading to private gardens, patio and ample off road parking. Offers in the region of £295,000. Contact Bowen Son and Watson on 01691 652367.

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Five-bedroom home has enviable views

Number 1 Perry Bank, Upper Hengoed is a five bedroomed detached house with enviable countryside views. It is for sale through Woodhead Estates at £289,950 with no chain. It has a porch, an entrance hall, a living room and French doors to the garden. The property also has a dining room, a kitchen and French doors out to the rear garden.There is also a utility room, bedroom five/study, a WC, a master bedroom with countryside views and an en suite, three further bedrooms and a bathroom. For further information contact Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044 or visit www.woodheadestates.com

WOODHEAD ESTATES

Ideal first time buy opportunity available in town

An ideal first time buy or investment opportunity, 30 Hazel Grove in Oswestry is on the market with Town & Country for £119,500. The property is a three bedroom family home with garage and attractive gardens. Accommodation comprises porch, lounge, kitchen/diner, utility room, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Externally there is an enclosed rear garden with gated access leading to off road parking and a garage. The property benefits from gas central heating and uPVC double glazing.Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631 for more details.

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A look into family past turns up strange tales

Herbert Key, right, survived the Great War only to die of TB in December 1918

Alice and Herbert Key with their children

OI – somebody's stolen my grave!

Delving into family history can turn up all sorts of interesting and unexpected stories, as the information discovered by Tom Commins of Newport about his ancestors has shown.

His great-grandfather was Herbert Key, from Eccleshall, who was born on January 9, 1869, and fought in both the Boer War and the Great War, only to come home and die of TB in 1918. He is buried at Eccleshall church.

"When he died my great-grandmother Alice Key bought a double grave so they could be together. But by some mistake someone else was, and is, buried on top of him.

"So great-gran remarried and bought another grave in Eccleshall church. She was a very talented lady and could play every instrument. She conducted at the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton and died aged 84 on March 24, 1957," said Tom

Alice lived at Brookside Cottage, High Offley, and became Alice Horsey on her second marriage. She had six children from the first marriage.

"When she died she had a prepaid funeral saying what flowers and hymns she wanted. I also believe it was by invitation only. Her son Albert, my granddad, was posted to Ireland for his National Service where he met my gran, who was in an orphanage because her mother died in childbirth and her dad was in the navy.

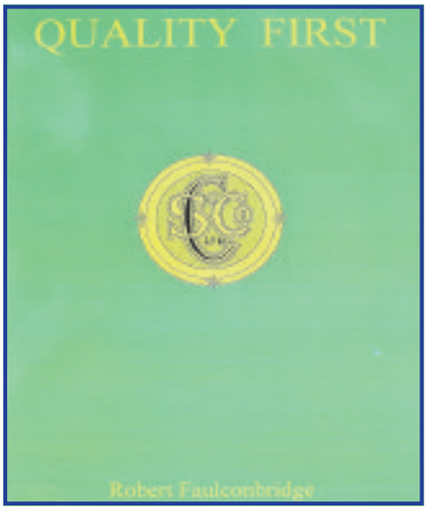
"Gran would not leave her brothers and sisters as she was the eldest, so granddad got custody of them and brought them all back to England so he could marry my gran.

"Then my gran's father's ship docked in Spain where he met a French girl. One night he dressed her up as a cabin boy and smuggled her on board. The ship eventually docked in America where they jumped ship and got married."

See what we mean about interesting and unexpected stories.

Tom thinks the old family home was in High Offley, and that his grandfather always loved to go to The Brown Jug in High Offley for a drink.

Anti tank shells being made at Chatwood Safe Company during the war



Quality First, a book by Robert Faulconbridge

Mystery of man who may have been a spy

WAS he a spy? Or just a doom-monger?

Robert Faulconbridge, who is now 91, never got to find out. But he does know that that wartime colleague at a Shrewsbury firm cycled off from the works on his break one lunchtime and was never seen again.

It is a story that he tells in his new book, called "Quality First", which is about the Chatwood Safe Company at Harlescott, where Mr Faulconbridge had started work in 1938 as an appentice fitter.

As the name suggests, the firm made bank safes and security equipment like strong rooms, but even before the outbreak of the war it was also making munitions and military components.

Mr Faulconbridge, who lives near Hanwood, tells in the book how when the war broke out he was moved to a munitions section, under foreman Bert Prout, making loading trays for anti aircraft guns.

One of the workers, he recalls, had the peacetime occupation of commercial salesman, and was about 30. He was pleasant enough, keeping himself to himself, and must have been in lodgings quite close as he regularly cycled home for his midday break.

"Whenever there was a disaster or setback in the fighting, he was always the one to bring the news," Mr Faulconbridge says.

"When we had a success he never ever mentioned it. It wasn't just the bad tidings, but the manner in which he conveyed it, which caused such resentment and the hostile feeling that followed."

The others wondered where he was getting all his information from.

MEMORY LANE

Report by Toby Neal

"Some thought it was just devilment, others that he must be an enemy agent, planted in our midst."

Such was the demoralising effect that there was a downward trend in production, which meant questions were asked at management level.

"Some months later our unpatriotic 'salesman' put on his cycling clips and left the workshop as usual when the lunchtime hooter sounded.

"At five minutes before 1pm we were anxiously waiting to hear what dreadful news he would bring us this fine day, but he didn't return. He never returned.

"No-one said anything, and very gradually normality returned to the section, and production rose again.

"Being an inquisitive youngster I asked the foreman what was going on, and was told that the police had taken him away and he would not be returning.

"Just what that implied, I don't know, but what I do know is that few people at the factory knew what had been going on, and those who did never spoke about that unfortunate affair of 'the spy who never was' - or was he? I suppose we will never know."

● Of course, if you can shed further light on the affair, do drop us a line. Mr Faulconbridge has a limited number of copies left of his book, which tells the story of Chatwood since its creation in Shrewsbury in the mid-1920s. They cost £20 and are available by ringing him on 01743 860378.

Assembling the tails of incendiary bombs at Chatwood Safe Company

Great uncle's sacrifice remembered and appreciated

George Darlington

IT'S 100 years since Newport's George Darlington was killed in action – just one of many from the town to have made the ultimate sacrifice.

And it is a sacrifice remembered and appreciated by Jo Bulley, who has researched her great uncle's background.

"As we celebrate 70 years since Victory in Europe, 100 years will have passed since Great Uncle George sacrificed his life. Anyone who saw the 888,246 ceramic poppies at the Tower of London last year can't help but be moved by the enormity of lives lost that the poppies represented," said Jo, who lives in Sandbach and whose maiden name was Waddilove.

"I am proud and in equal measures sad. I am privileged to live in a world I'm sure he wouldn't recognise.

"He paid the ultimate sacrifice for his country, for our country. I will always be grateful and humbled by his sacrifice and that of his fellow soldiers."

George's story is representative of many ordinary young men from Newport who served in the Great War.

Born in the summer of 1890, he was the second son of Thomas and Wilhelmina Darlington of 4 Springfield Terrace, Newport, and served in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. He had joined up in 1910, and was deployed to France in December 194, and in early 1915 transferred to the Army Cycling Corps.

Jo said: "He served with them until his death on May 10, 1915. His records say 'killed in action, France'.

He has no grave, no body was recovered. His name is remembered on the Menin Gate memorial to the Missing, in Ypres, Belgium. He was a month off his 25th birthday when he was killed. He left no wife or children, but a grieving mother and seven siblings.

"He was my grandma Beatrice Waddilove's (née Darlington) older brother."

Do you have any old pictures or tales from the past to share with our readers? Email toby.neal@shropshirestar.co.uk

Helen Johnson and Ruth Holmes took part in the Trefonen hillwalk

Walkers sign up to take part in the Trefonen Hill Walk Weekend

Mags Newton, Joanna Knight, Jackie Knight and Tim Newton with dogs Buster and Tyson at the Trefonen Hill Walk Weekend

Jenny Tomley, Gordon Tomley, Sue Hall and Nilou Hughes set off on the Trefonen Hill Walk Weekend

Events promote good health

PEOPLE of all ages around the Oswestry area have been out and about taking part in some healthy initiatives in recent weeks.

Report by Arabella Rose

Hundreds of people took part in the annual Trefonen Hill Walk Weekend.

Helen Francis, one of the organisers, said each year the organisers choose two charities to support, one local and one working abroad.

This year money raised will be split between the Lingen Davies appeal at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Médecins Sans Frontières.

"The event is held partly to raise money and partly to get people together," she said.

"We started the event in 1991 and it's grown each year. Last year we raised £4,500."

Meanwhile a market day to promote growing your own healthy food saw hundreds of people find out about allotments, community gardens and making the most of small spaces.

Oswestry Town Council welcomed experienced gardeners to the Bailey Head market for demonstrations on how to grow food, from sowing seeds to harvesting salad and vegetables.

Councillor John Gareth Jones, chairman of the markets and car parks committee, said the day had been a great success. He said: "The annual gardening event has always been an important date in our market calendar. Oswestry Markets have a number of high quality plant sellers who visit regularly and there is a keen interest in gardening in Oswestry supported by the In Bloom committee, who also had a stall promoting their various schemes."

And still on the theme of good health, a dodgeball competition for youngsters at a primary school helped raise £1,343 for charity.

The money was raised for the British Heart Foundation by pupils at Moreton First School near Oswestry. It followed a visit to the school by Warren Appleby, fundraising manager for Shropshire from the British Heart Foundation, who told the children more about the charity and the importance of having a healthy heart.

Mr Appleby said: "We are thrilled that the children at Moreton First School enjoyed the dodgeball and raised such a fantastic amount for our life-saving work."

The competition was won by the school's Vincent house team.

Kath Griffiths, Bernice Getkahn, Norman Cederholm and Betty Gull attended the garden event on Oswestry's Bailey Head

Walkers sign up for the Trefonen Hill Walk Weekend

Moreton First School pupils present Warren Appleby with the cheque

Family in appeal to council over farm estate

A HEREFORDSHIRE farming family who have built a successful business have called for the council to safeguard the authority's farm estate.

Tenant farmers Dan Bussey and Jane Hemingway, of Highway Farm, Ocle Pychard, want to see the council-owned smallholdings kept for the county, as they are vital for food production, the economy and to help new entrants into the industry.

Their family-run sheep and beef enterprise has an uncertain future as Herefordshire Council considers its options for the farm estate, including their sale.

A decision as part of the Herefordshire County Smallholdings Review has been delayed.

The NFU represents more than 27,000 tenant farmers across the country and has been busy speaking with its members about the smallholding review and lobbying the council over the future of the estate, made up of around 50 smallholdings.

Dan and Jane moved to Highway Farm in 2010 and started with just two pedigree Hereford cattle, 40 Charollais ewes and 100 Suffolk ewe lambs, and have built the business up since.

Now they have a farm-assured 420-strong commercial flock; 50 Charollais ewes and a small herd of 15 pedigree Hereford cattle.

They also operate a franchise for Kelly Bronze Turkeys, rearing 200 birds annually for the Christmas market.

The business has won an assortment of local awards over the years and on March 25 Dan was awarded the Richard Evans Perpetual Memorial Trophy for the champion pen of lambs in McCartneys Easter fatstock show and sale, at Worcestershire Livestock Market.

He said: "We really started from scratch as the farm was a mixed arable business growing potatoes and cereal crops before we arrived.

"The infrastructure and buildings needed work and I erected around 3,000 metres of fencing across the 70 acres. This is our livelihood and we want to grow and be profitable and continue to take steps up the farming ladder."

New manager brings wealth of experience

THE College Farm at North Shropshire College's (NSC) Walford Campus has a new farm manager.

Yorkshireman Stephen Elsdon brings with him a wealth of experience in farming, having been brought up on the family farm and, after college, working with his father and brother in establishing and managing a high performing dairy herd and farm business.

Stephen has a vast amount of experience working with robotic milking machines and using them as part of the overall management of increasing milk yields, while at the same time keeping an eye on the costs incurred.

In this very challenging time which the dairy industry is in, it is all about cost of production and producing a litre of milk as cheaply as possible whilst at the same time maintaining quality.

Different

There are two very different dairy farming systems at Walford, which has two dairy herds.

One of the herds is on the UK grassland system where the cows are milked through a more conventional herringbone (24/24) parlour, housed in cubicles and complete diet fed in the winter, using a paddock grazing system in the summer.

The second group of cows are milked multiple times through a robotic milking machine, kept inside all year round on straw yards.

The systems demonstrate high input and high output dairying and students can make their own minds up which will influence their decisions about which methods to use in the future.

A celebration of all things farming

The show will be at the Tabley Showground

Organisers behind this year's Cheshire County Show are promising a celebration of all that is good and great about farming, with more than 80,000 people expected at the two-day event on June 23 and 24.

The show, which is held at the Tabley Showground, near Knutsford, remains focused on the county's rich agricultural history and is renowned for its cattle classes, which will be bigger again in 2015 with the much anticipated Long Horn Society National Show.

The show also boasts a championship standard poultry section, one of the largest light horse entry of any county show in the country, and a dog class with well over 2,000 competitors.

Other livestock classes this summer include sheep, pigs and goats with entries expected to be up on previous years.

Chairman of the Cheshire County Show Tony Garnett said: "Cheshire is well known for its thriving and vibrant farming community and, as always, this year's show will be a true reflection of all that is good and great about it."

Farming will remain at the heart of the show with the Sainsbury's Agri-Centre providing a focal point for farmers, butchers, cheese-makers and a whole host of other producers and suppliers to educate the public on the industry and how their food makes it to the supermarket shelves.

Demand for trade spaces is also at a record high, with more than four kilometres of stands expected from a wide range of agri-traders showcasing the latest agricultural machinery and farming technology.

The main ring will be offering a jam-packed schedule throughout the two days with sensational displays from birds of prey, the pony club and the grand parade of champions."

To buy tickets or for more information visit, www.cheshirecountyshow.org.uk

Offer from RABDF just the ticket for farmers

TO help dairy farmers through the industry's extraordinarily difficult times, RABDF is providing every UK dairy farm with one complimentary ticket to the Livestock Event being held on Wednesday and Thursday, July 8 and 9 July, at Birmingham's NEC.

The ticket will be delivered in the June issue of All Things Dairy, and farmers will be have the opportunity to purchase additional tickets for partners and herdsmen at a favourably reduced rate.

Building on previous successes, the event is scheduled to feature more than 400 trade exhibitors whilst visitor numbers are expected to exceed last year's 17,000 record.

"Livestock Event 2015 will provide all farmers with the opportunity to share information and ideas and pick up no-nonsense practical advice.

"They will also have a chance to find out about over 100 new products and concepts that will save money and help them to stay a head of the game," says event director Matt Knight.

"Forward buying will be on the cards for an increasing number of dairy producers attempting to manage volatile milk prices by taking control of their feed costs, enabling them to budget profit margins far more accurately.

"Two brand new features for 2015: the UK's first live calf-rearing demonstration to showcase all types of housing and feeding systems, featuring live calves in igloos, conventional and specialist buildings including the Roundhouse; and the live Lely robotic feeding demonstration for beef cattle.

"Furthermore, the award-winning live Lely robotic milking and feeding demonstration, with 40 cows, is returning, having last proved proved to be the most popular feature amongst visitors seeking to save labour and improve their herds' efficiency – 53 per cent came to see the feature."

Those features will complement the following line up:

Livestock judging always proves a big crowd puller at the event

- National Dairy Show, 300 stalls for national annual shows for Ayrshire, Brown Swiss and British Friesian cattle societies, together with entries for Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey and Dairy Shorthorn classes.
- Commercial stalls area, new to the event for pedigree breeders with dairy cattle for sale.
- Beef, 210 stalls available for the returning Aberdeen Angus, British Blue and Charolais national shows for performance recorded cattle, plus the inaugural South Devon Herd Book's performance championship.
- National Lleyn Sheep Competition returns with penning for over 100 animals.
- Forage Field, the practical demonstration designed to enable farmers to make more from grass.
- Foot Trimming and Healthy Feet, designed to help dairy farmers reduce the number of lame cows within the herd.
- Free Seminars: Feed science forums and farm health planning seminars – interactive sessions designed to inspire and challenge. Dairy Pro points available.
- Test drive the latest Isuzu 4x4s on the NEC off-road track.

See www.livestockevent.co.uk

Bio injections helping solve grower problems

BIO injection specialist contractor and machinery manufacturer Target Set Technology Ltd is offering growers the opportunity to purchase their own injection machines.

Using new technologies, together known as Side Ridge Injection (SRi) enables the injection of bio products, nutrients and fertiliser, at high pressures (8-10 bars), directly to the roots of growing potato plants through unique profile injectors. Crucially, the SRi system allows the most optimum timings to be selected for maximum effect.

Proven, effective PCN (Potato Cyst Nematodes) control is achieved by injecting a specially developed garlic-based liquid product, directly into the potato ridges. The injection process also offers the added benefit of disrupting nematode connections to the plant's root system.

A dramatic reduction in potato bruising has been achieved through SRi by injecting a special combination of calcium and zinc elements at key timings. Where damage through standard farm practice has been found to be unacceptable, SRi has reduced this to minimal levels. Additional likely benefits have been achieved in the control of internal rust spot (IRS) and hollow heart. The crop is further boosted by aeration and oxygenising, as the SRi injection system passes through the potato ridges.

The hi-tech side ridge injection system

Independent trials have also revealed a considerable increase of calcium level in plants, and direct injection of liquid fertiliser with SRi has proven to offer significant advantages over conventional systems, both through the direct nature of the application, and through timeliness.

Injecting five to eight weeks later than usual, one example shows how SRi contributed to a 12 per cent yield increase. A second example, also injecting liquid fertiliser at emergence after the usual application time, but with a 30 per cent reduction in fertiliser, showed an eight per cent increase in yield, demonstrating scope for cost savings.

The facility to add phosphate for the purpose of increasing tuber numbers is another potential benefit of the SRi injection system.

BRAIN TRAINING

Test your mental agility. Target times, in minutes, are in the little clocks

9-er

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all 9 letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

THE CLUES
5642 is a colour,
821792 is another colour,
341362 is another colour.

Your time:

X is to Y

1. Jimmy Choo is to Shoes as Gertrude Shilling is to ? BROOCHES, GLOVES, HANDBAGS, HATS, SCARVES

2. Scotland is to Kilt as Greece is to ? CUIRASSE, FUSTANELLA, GRIEVE, PENDOLIDONTARELLISSA, TONDO

3. Hen is to Cock as Pen is to ? BOAR, BUCK, COB, MOULT, STOOP

Your time:

Mindbender

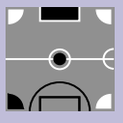
Of an audience of 300 people watching a performance, 224 consumed drinks in the interval, 163 ate ice creams and 106 had both an ice cream and a drink. How many people had neither?

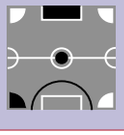
Your time:

Mirror Image

Which of the four shapes below is an exact mirror image of the shape on the right?

A

B 

C 

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Your time:

Split Decision

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

M/B	Y/I	T/L	L/H	S/Y
A/H		E/L		T/U
S/E	V/T	E/A	I/N	S/R
J/I		M/K		X/G
C/T	T/R	A/S	S/Z	E/H

Your time:

IMPOSSIPUZZLES

1. John had been looking over his brother's farm. 'So you only have pigs now and some geese,' he remarked. 'Quite a change.'
'That's right, a hundred feet in all and forty heads,' Bill replied. 'Much less work for me.'
How many geese?

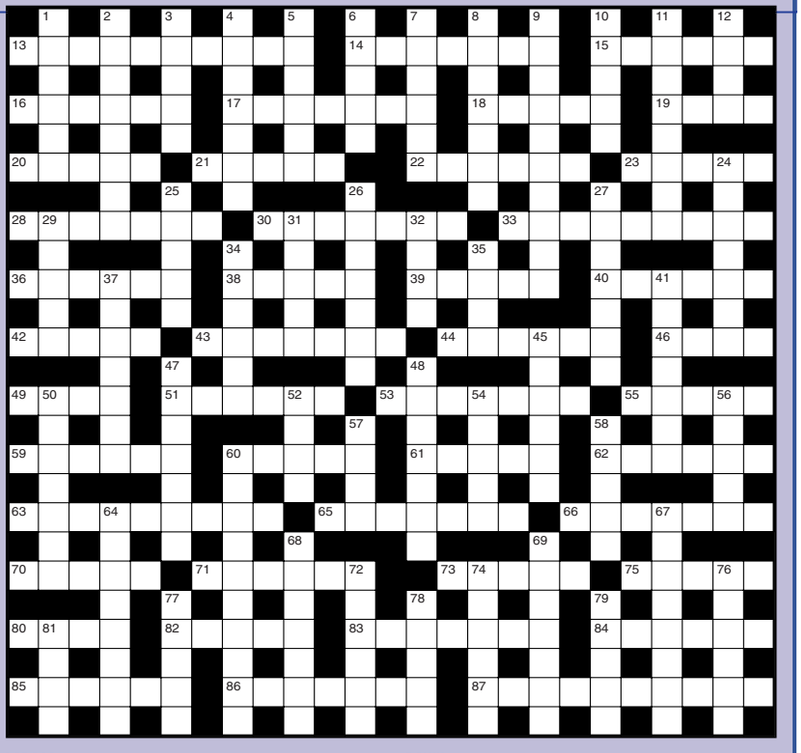
2. 'Did you get my envelopes?' Andy asked his son. 'I need one right away.'
Peter nodded. 'Sure, Dad. Seventeen in all, and two sizes, as you said,' he replied. 'The big ones were one pence each more than the others, and they came to 80 pence for the lot.'
How many of each size did he buy?

3. 'Look, Mum,' said Kim pointing to a sheet of paper on the table. 'Can you multiply that number by 29 in your head?'
Linda looked. 'Of course not. Can you?'
'Sure I can,' the boy replied. 'Just write a one in front and a one behind, and it's the smallest number that works that way for 29 times.'
What was his number?

SUDOKU

7		1					9	5
				1	9			2
2		8		5	7			
			8			6	5	
	3	4				7	2	
	6	9			5			
			5	6		9		7
4			9	3				
9	1					2		3

CROSSWORD

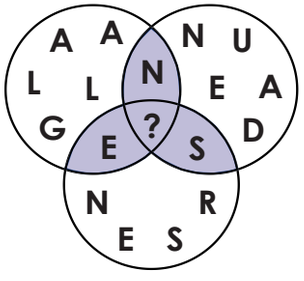


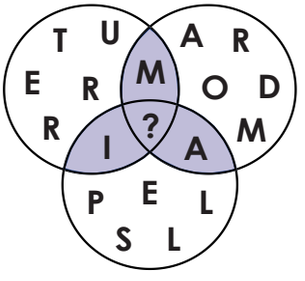
ACROSS
13 Revealing (7,3)
14 Dispose (7)
15 Attack (4,2)
16 Switch (6)
17 Barking (7)
18 Lying (5)
19 Shout (4)
20 Lucid (5)
21 Bang (5)
22 Smart (6)
23 Uncertainty (5)
28 Stepped (7)
30 Flop (7)
33 Argue (4,5)
36 Idles (6)
38 Drives off (5)
39 Thicket (5)
40 Trip (6)
42 Worry (5)
43 Horrible (7)
44 Rain (6)
46 Team (4)
49 Voice (4)
51 Extremely (6)
53 Seeing (7)
55 Shuts up (5)
59 Less tame (6)
60 Avenue (5)
61 Applaud (5)
62 Ingenious (6)
63 Right through (2,3,4)
65 Make money (7)
66 Tied (7)
70 Inclined (5)
71 Well (6)
73 Tree (5)
75 Sting (5)
80 Open (4)
82 Beds (5)
83 View (7)
84 Sturdy (6)
85 Instant (6)
86 Perplex (7)
87 Don't tell (4,2,4)

DOWN
1 Deadly (6)
2 Flag (8)
3 Addition (5)
4 Permanently (3,4)
5 Stress (6)
6 Mad (5)
7 Fear (6)
8 Fish (7)
9 Poor (6-4)
10 Precipitous (5)
11 Valuable (8)
12 Unfriendly (4)
24 Groomed (7)
25 Stop (5)
26 Big picture (5-2)
27 Carry out (7)
29 Monarch (5)
31 Entertain (5)
32 Gem (4)
34 Irksome (6)
35 Hurtle (4)
37 Thwarted (7)
41 Ahead (2,5)
45 Cold (6)
47 Laugh (7)
48 Debate (7)
50 Fat (7)
52 Put (4)
54 Question (5)
56 Section (5)
57 Rent (4)
58 Scratch (5)
60 Let down (10)
64 Give (4,4)
67 VIP (8)
68 Absent (7)
69 Amble (7)
72 Snarls (6)
74 Jams (6)
76 Venue (6)
77 Sees (5)
78 Initial (5)
79 Run off (5)
81 Time (4)

CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?





ALPHAMUDDLE

Rearrange the letters to make five words that read both across and down. Five letters have been placed to start you off.

P	E	N	T	Y
B	O	N	D	A
D	O	O	R	E
A	T	T	O	D
D	R	O	S	T

			A	
				O
O				
		E		
	O			

SOLUTIONS

9-er
9-letter word: REPUBLICS. Blue, Celtic, Purple.

X is to Y
1. Hats. 2. Fustanella. 3. Cob.

Mindbender
Nineteen people had neither.

Mirror Image
A is the mirror image.

Split Decision >

B	I	L	L	S
A		L		U
S	T	A	I	R
I		M		G
C	R	A	Z	E

Crossword
ACROSS: 13 Letting out. 14 Arrange. 15 Turn on. 16 Change. 17 Grazing. 18 Prone. 19 Call. 20 Clear. 21 Pound. 22 Trendy. 23 Doubt. 28 Trodden. 30 Failure. 33 Take issue. 36 Slacks. 38 Rouse. 39 Brake. 40 Flight. 42 Brood. 43 Hideous. 44 Shower. 46 Side. 49 Bass. 51 Highly. 53 Viewing. 55 Coops. 59 Wilder. 60 Drive. 61 Cheer. 62 Clever. 63 To the last. 65 Prosper. 66 Trussed. 70 Leant. 71 Spring. 73 Aspen. 75 Smart. 80 Undo. 82 Plots. 83 Opinion. 84 Robust. 85 Moment. 86 Nonplus. 87 Keep it dark.

DOWN: 1 Lethal. 2 Standard. 3 Annex. 4 For good. 5 Strain. 6 Manic. 7 Fright. 8 Snapper. 9 Second-rate. 10 Steep. 11 Precious. 12 Cool. 24 Brushed. 25 Cease. 26 Close-up. 27 Perform. 29 Ruler. 31 Amuse. 32 Ruby. 34 Trying. 35 Dash. 37 Crossed. 41 In store. 45 Wintry. 47 Chortle. 48 Discuss. 50 Adipose. 52 Laid. 54 Where. 56 Piece. 57 Tear. 58 Score. 60 Disappoint. 64 Hand over. 67 Somebody. 68 Missing. 69 Meander. 72 Crowls. 74 Sticks. 76 Resort. 77 Spots. 78 First. 79 Drain. 81 Noon.

Impossipuzzles
1. Bill had 30 geese; 2. 12 large envelopes, 5 small; 3. The number was 526315 79.

Circlegram
A: The letter represented by the question mark is M. Magellan, Amundsen, Messner, all explorers.
B: The letter represented by the question mark is C. Turmeric, cardamom, allspice, all spices.

Alphamuddle
Broad, Rondo, Onset, Adept, Dotty.

Sudoku

7	4	1	6	2	8	3	9	5
6	5	3	4	1	9	8	7	2
2	9	8	3	5	7	4	1	6
1	2	7	8	4	3	6	5	9
5	3	4	1	9	6	7	2	8
8	6	9	2	7	5	1	3	4
3	8	2	5	6	1	9	4	7
4	7	6	9	3	2	5	8	1
9	1	5	7	8	4	2	6	3

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Crowning glory of our epic adventure

Amazing Ponte Del Diavolo view in Tuscany

PUFFING and panting, sweat dripping from my forehead and my backpack feeling heavier by the minute, I mentally calculate the distance to the summit.

I'm a few kilometres away from the peak of the Matajur, part of the mountain range in the Julian Alps bordering Italy and Slovenia.

When I finally reach the top,1,642m up, I'm rewarded with a magnificent view of mountain peaks jutting into a cloudless blue sky. I can even make out the distinctive Dolomites in the distance.

But walking along slippery rock ledges, trying not to slide, takes muscles I never knew existed.

My husband and I are part way through a week-long Hidden Italy and Slovenia holiday with Inntravel, the self-described "slow holiday" experts.

I have to admit, I'm not a seasoned hiker, so the prospect of spending seven consecutive days trailing up and down mountains did seem a little daunting. But the idea of boosting my metabolism and soaking up some Vitamin D, while enjoying some fantastic scenery, did appeal. Fortunately, all the arrangements and little details – from the flights and travel, to accommodation and most meals – have been taken care of. All I had to worry about was what to pack – and with my belongings transported from one town to another, there was no need to stress about how much to bring.

Our journey begins in Venice, with a two-hour train journey to Cividale del Friuli in the foothills of the eastern Alps in the north-east of Italy.

During our warm-up walk, we explore the medieval town, visiting the famous Ponte del Diavolo (The Devil's Bridge) followed by a gentle sojourn crossing meadows, vineyards and cornfields to reach the neighbouring village of Sanguarzo.

But it's on our second day that the adventure really begins. We're dropped off at 1,300m to begin our ascent to the Matajur summit, and after an incredible climb, we descend through unspoiled hamlets and villages, such as Livek and Irdsko.

Eventually, we reach the Slovenian town of Kobarid before sunset, and arrive at the Hvala Hotel, where we can't wait to soothe our aching muscles in a spa.

The following day, we take a historical trail around the Alpine town, visiting preserved First World War dugouts, the stunningly beautiful Soca Gorge with its emerald green natural pool, and the Slap Kozjak waterfall. By now, our legs are starting to feel weary, but there are even more challenges yet to come. Our next strenuous walk heads 19.5km from Kobarid to Bovec, through woods, meadows and villages.

There's also a challenging, steep uphill hike to Slap Boka, where we have to scramble across scree to catch a glimpse of Slovenia's mightiest waterfall with the highest flow rate. After seven hours of walking, we just want to reach our destination.

As we approach Bovec, the four-star Dobra Vila, with its elegant art deco interior, is a sight for sore legs and muscles, and the warm welcome we receive from fashionable brothers Matjaz and Yuri makes the hike worthwhile.

After days spent in the calm countryside, it's a shock to the system to return to busy, bustling Venice for our journey home. It may be the jewel of northern Italy, but for us, Slovenia was the real crowning glory of our trip.

By Shereen Low

Animal magic – watching dolphins at play on the beach at Discovery Cove

Slide away – Taumata Racer at Aquatica

A killer whale up close at SeaWorld, Florida.

Holiday in Florida is not just for children

IT'S funny that, while suspended 335ft above the beautiful Florida skyline, I can neither see nor hear a single shrieking child.

But as I sit on the edge of the world's first vertical drop tower – complete with 90-degree tilt function – I don't really notice anything that's going on around me.

Up until now, I'd convinced myself that Falcon's Fury – internationally renowned theme park Busch Gardens' towering centrepiece – would be a breeze. I'd already bottled it three times, but now, looking down at the ant-like crowds below me, there's no turning back.

Summoning an imaginary shield of courage, I grip tightly onto the buckle around my waist. I can still taste the waffles I had for breakfast, and I fear I may be reunited with them very soon.

Surprised

An invitation to spend the half-term holiday at a theme park popular with children would normally be met with a series of excuses from me: Sorry, I'm cleaning out the loft; Sorry, grandma is coming to stay; Sorry, there's a Peak Practice omnibus running on UK Gold.

But I'm surprised to discover that Florida's popular theme parks are not heaving with small, screaming children. In fact, most of the 'screaming' appears to be coming from adults –including myself.

I'm visiting Discovery Cove, SeaWorld and Aquatica to find out why scary rides and animal attractions are still just as much fun for adults.

It's not that these venues are child-free zones at all. In fact, during my stay, I bump into several school trips, as well as families crossing the Atlantic to enjoy a welcome bit of much-needed Vitamin D.

But the parks are so vast and well laid out that there's enough space for everyone. Like the best children's films, laced with references that will have mums and dads nodding wryly in recognition, the USA's top tourist attractions seem to cater for all tastes.

I'm just amazed so many kids are brave enough to tackle these rides. I'm certainly pushed to my limit at Aquatica's daunting Ihu's Breakaway Falls. The set-up is simple – a cylindrical, vertical-drop flume with twists, turns and a countdown clock.

The trudge up to the summit of the ride – which, for those wanting a distraction, allows the chance for magnificent views of the Orlando landscape – is conducted in silence.

Three participants at a time are then placed into solo tubes, upright and facing each other. As the countdown clock ticks away in inverse proportion to the ascending heart rates, so too the tension builds. Then, one by one, trapdoors open under each flume and the twitching riders disappear from sight.

Fortunately, the pace is altogether more tranquil across the road at Discovery Cove, where the Lazy Rapids represents the most terrifying thing in the whole park. Floating effortlessly like an autumn leaf on a stream, it's almost possible to drift into a slumber as the 15-minute course loops around the park again and again.

One of my highlights though, is a safari through Busch Gardens. I'm able to glimpse rare and endangered animals and learn about their plight at the hands of poachers.

As our 4x4 limbers over uncertain terrain, my guide explains that much of his daily work is dedicated to educating people about wildlife and spreading awareness.

There are also opportunities for close contact with animals. At Discovery Cove, I'm able to swim with dolphins, while at SeaWorld, I'm invited to help feed the stingrays. It's my first encounter with the pancake-flat fish, and I find the whole experience quite daunting.

But in a week where my courage has been tested to new heights, I'm more than ready to embrace new adventures. The stingrays seem to enjoy it too.

HOLIDAYS

Florida by Ryan Hooper

The Grand Reef at Discovery Cove, Florida

Any tips for days out, holidays or places to visit? Email your ideas to lisa.bailey@shropshirestar.co.uk

Little Ships crossing the English Channel

The remains of the Crested Eagle on Zuydcoote beach

Fort des Dunes played a significant role in the war

Town rebuilt after the ravages of war

IT ranks as the largest evacuation effort in military history, ensuring the passage of hundreds of thousands of allied soldiers to safety on British soil.

Between May 26 and June 4, 1940, some 338,226 troops were rescued from Dunkirk harbour and its surrounding beaches by a hastily assembled fleet of more than 900 ships.

Among them were 700 'little ships' – private vessels manned by naval officers and volunteers – that sailed from Ramsgate to perform a crucial role in the rescue. I visited the French port of Dunkirk as it was preparing to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the evacuation – codenamed Operation Dynamo. The town itself was ravaged during the conflict, with around 90 per cent of its buildings destroyed during the German occupation which lasted from June 4, 1940 to May 9, 1945.

It's my first trip to what is very much a typical working class northern French town, built around the docks that have played such a major role in its history. The large scale rebuilding job gives it a modern look, but step away from the bustling shops and busy bars of its central area and the impact of wartime events can still be seen in much of Dunkirk and its environs.

Ten kilometres to the north-east lies the remnants of the Crested Eagle on Zuydcoote beach near Malo les Bains. The paddle steamer was bombed on May 29, 1940, shortly after departing from Dunkirk's eastern pier on its way back to Dover with around 600 men on board.

Many of the men were killed in the fire, while others were gunned down by the Germans or drowned as they tried to reach the shore. It is estimated that 300 men lost their lives.

A ceremony to commemorate the victims of the Crested Eagle was held at Zuydcoote beach last month.

Around 20km outside Dunkirk lies La Plaine au Bois near Wormhoudt and Esquelbecq. It is the scene of one of the most horrific massacres of the war. On May 28, 1940, 100 British troops – many of them from the West Midlands – were herded into a tiny barn by an elite squad of the SS Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler regiment. They were allowed one final cigarette before two grenades were lobbed into the barn and it was peppered with machine gun fire. There were few survivors lying among the bodies of the dead troops, and many of them were yanked out by German soldiers and shot in the back of the head.

Today the site cuts a sombre setting. Surrounded by lush fields and country roads it is almost too peaceful to imagine the horrors that went on there. The barn has been rebuilt to its exact specifications and now acts as a memorial to those lost in the slaughter. A memorial at the barn reads poignantly: "Let us forgive. But never forget." Back across the flat-as-a-pancake French countryside is the 19th century Fort des Dunes in Leffrinckoucke. Situated around 6km from Dunkirk, the sprawling 50,000sq m site was bombed by the Germans in 1940 and subsequently occupied by Nazi forces.

It hosts a new exhibition until September 19 which uses a vast archive of photographs to tell the story of its role as an important strategic hold during the conflict.

Once I pass through its gated entrance it's hard not to be impressed by the sheer size of the landscape ahead. A soldiers' barracks built into the dunes leads on to a seemingly endless collection of walkways and partly hidden buildings. From its highest point the site offers a stunning panoramic view of Dunkirk's coastline.

The newly renovated Musee Portuaire de Dunkerque, situated in a 19th century warehouse at 9 qaui de la Citadelle is also well worth a visit. The museum is set to host an exhibition until November 15 entitled Four years, eleven months, five days – a nod to the exact duration of the German occupation of Dunkirk.

TRAVEL

Report by Peter Madeley

The evacuation from the port of Dunkirk

Novel idea for a break in a little piece of heaven

The delights of Dorset

THOMAS Hardy would no doubt have chuckled had he looked down at his old Dorset pad from the great poets' corner in the sky.

Our pet dog Eddie had taken a leaf from Hardy's naughty terrier, Wessex, and given two visitors to Max Gate – Hardy's Dorchester home for more than 40 years – an uncharacteristic dressing down for no apparent reason.

The well-dressed couple looked unnerved by Eddie's barking and quickly made a beeline for a table and chairs in the house's formal gardens.

I turned round to scold our little scamp, but was disarmed by the trace of a smirk across his cheeky face. It seems the spirit of 'Wessie', who was allowed to terrorise visitors to Max Gate by an over-indulgent Hardy, lives on. Writers Rudyard Kipling and George Bernard Shaw were among several famous guests who are said to have suffered a painful nip to an ankle from Wessie, as they arrived for teatime meetings.

But Hardy, one of Britain's most prolific and influential scribes, cared deeply for his unruly companion and was moved to pen at least two poems about him when the pooch died, aged 13.

Wessie's grave holds pride of place in Max Gate's touching pet cemetery, with his own engraved headstone carrying the words, The Famous Dog, Wessex. Faithful, unflinching.

My wife, Carole, and I – plus Tibetan Terrier Eddie – are visiting the imposing Victorian house and its grounds on a simmering spring morning, as the star-studded adaptation of Hardy's book, Far from the Madding Crowd, is released in cinemas. We're keen to explore the delights of Dorset, where Thomas Vinterberg's film is set, before the expected stampede this summer.

This little piece of English heaven has so much going for it, with half the county designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and three-quarters of its coastline a World Heritage Site.

We are based in a delightful, dog-friendly cottage in Litton Cheney, a few miles from Bridport and the county town of Dorchester (Casterbridge, to those who have read Madding Crowd). The village has narrow country lanes flanked by pretty thatched cottages and spring water streams leading down to a welcoming pub.

From the terrace of our rented home for a few days, it's easy to imagine the film's sheep farmer Gabriel Oak (played by Matthias Schoenaerts) working in the fields as the beautiful heroine Bathsheba Everdene (Carey Mulligan) passes by on her rickety yellow wagon.

Our cottage – which is more like a grand country manor house – is a world away from the draughty houses of Victorian times. Overlooking the village is the 13th century parish church of St Mary with its peal of eight bells occasionally adding to the birdsong and bleating of newborn lambs. It's typical Hardy country. Just a few miles away, we visit Dorset's most famous landmark, the spectacular Jurassic Coast, one of the richest sources of fossils in the country and prime spot for countless visiting school parties.

We then continue to neighbouring Lyme Regis, nicknamed the pearl of Dorset. When the sun shines, it's a stunning spot to while away a few hours, with families enjoying a fine sandy beach and retirees mingling along the promenade. The sea front is dominated by The Cobb, a sweeping harbour wall made famous in Jane Austen's novel Persuasion, and by Meryl Streep playing The French Lieutenant's Woman in the critically-acclaimed 1981 film.

By Chris Wiltshire

Colourful gorillas will be standing guard at Eisteddfod

A TROOP of giant multi-coloured gorillas will stand guard over this year's Llangollen International Music Festival.

The 10 sheet metal gorillas, standing 6ft tall and weighing nearly 16 stone, will go on show for the first time when the iconic festival of singing and dancing gets underway on Tuesday, July 7.

The spectacular primates, each clutching a huge bunch of bananas, have been created at the British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry.

After Llangollen, the gorillas will be taken on a tour of festivals across the UK.

Their creator is Clive Knowles, 53, chairman of the British Ironwork Centre, which is supporting this year's Eisteddfod.

Last year a single giant gorilla sculpture made from 20,000 spoons caused a sensation on the Llangollen Eisteddfod field and Clive is expecting an even bigger reaction this time. He said: "The original spoon gorilla was designed and created as a result of a challenge I was set by Uri Geller. We were making some Victorian lampposts for his driveway and he was visiting the site when he challenged me to use spoons to make a giant gorilla.

The gorillas offer a spectacular and colourful sight

"Well, we managed it, and used 20,000 metal spoons in the process. Uri Geller came to Oswestry to unveil the sculpture along with Prince Michael of Kent.

"They were both amazed and Uri Geller couldn't believe what we'd achieved. To be fair, there's nothing quite like it anywhere else in the world. That sculpture was such a massive hit and was on TV reports around the world from Argentina to Zimbabwe and the US to China.

"It's now on a tour of hospitals and hospices all around the UK. So I decided to make a whole troop of gorillas, but out of colourful metals, and adopt the gorilla as our signature sculpture. All the new gorillas are made from sheet metal discs which are individually hand-beaten. I designed them; my history is in art, design and metal work. Each one takes six weeks to complete, we have four metal workers on the task, and we started making the troop in June of last year."

Now You See It
7.35pm
Mel Giedroyc narrates another light-hearted look at the best and worst of the magic world as the series returns, featuring a tortoise performing the classic cup and ball trick, a cat on a magic carpet and a magician who disappears into an office photocopier.

Flog It!
6.30pm
Thomas Plant and Michael Baggott value items in Cirencester, Gloucestershire, including a 200-year-old teapot and costume jewellery encrusted with real diamonds. Paul Martin vists a 400-year-old house where even the cobwebs are being preserved for future generations.

Live UEFA Champions League
7pm
Juventus v Barcelona (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the showpiece game from the Olympiastadion in Berlin, where two giants of Italian and Spanish football battle it out. Juve are appearing in their first European Cup final for 12 years – on that occasion they were defeated by rivals AC Milan on penalties.

The Restoration Man
8pm
Alison and Matthew Grey, two designers from London with young children, are looking for a new place to live within commuting distance of the city. The couple plan to turn a pumping station into a design haven, but with costs mounting, there's a danger they will have to refinance to finish the build.

The Incredible Hulk Woman: Extraordinary People
10pm
Documentary following West Midlands mother-of-three Helen Stephens as she tries to find a treatment for rare neurological condition stiff-person syndrome, which causes severe muscle spasms in the arms and legs.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** 10864728 0az Coombes faces his food heaven or hell as he joins James Martin and chefs Atul Kochhar and José Pizarro in the kitchen studio, while Susy Atkins chooses the wine.
11.30 **The Box.** Three cooks make dishes using Margaret Mountford's ingredients. (R)
12.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
12.10 **Football Focus.** A look ahead to the FIFA Women's World Cup.
12.50 **Athletics.** The Golden Gala – Pietro Mennea. Gabby Logan presents action from the fourth Diamond League event of the season, which was held at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome.
2.00 **The Olympic Journey: Born Winners.** Gabby Logan investigates whether a person's DNA decides if they will be a winner and Greg Rutherford learns how his views on nature versus nurture have steered his training methods. (R)
2.30 **Bargain Hunt.** From Congleton in Cheshire. (R)
3.30 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Properties in Derbyshire, Kent and Shropshire. (R)
4.30 **Escape to the Country.** Alistair Appleton helps a retired couple find a property in Somerset. (R)
5.00 **Live Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Qualifying.** Action from the battle for pole position (Start-time 6.00pm). Suzi Perry introduces coverage from the seventh round of the season at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal.
7.15 **BBC News.**
7.25 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
7.35 **Now You See It.** The best and worst of the magic world, featuring a tortoise performing the classic cup and ball trick and a magician who disappears into a photocopier. Narrated by Mel Giedroyc.
8.05 **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.** Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.
8.55 **Casualty.** A patient's family crisis jeopardises Cal and Ethan's plan to attend a clinical trial in Finland and Dylan is crestfallen when Connie takes back the role of clinical lead.
9.45 **The John Bishop Show.** An evening of entertainment at the Hackney Empire theatre in London, including performances by Jessie Ware, Striking Matches, Chris Ramsey and Funmbi Omotayo.
10.30 **BBC News;** Weather; **National Lottery Update.**
10.50 **Not Going Out.** Lucy has her handbag stolen by a gang of muggers right under Lee's nose, so he sets out to prove he is not a total wimp. Sitcom, starring Lee Mack and Sally Bretton. (R)
11.20 FILM: **Tropic Thunder (2008).** The cast of a Vietnam War movie unknowingly wanders into the middle of a real-life conflict. Comedy, directed by and starring Ben Stiller, with Jack Black.
12.55 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.00 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 **Animal Park.** An animal escapes from its enclosure. (R)
7.00 FILM: **A Tale of Two Cities (1958).** A drunken English lawyer discovers a man he envies is a French aristocrat trying to escape the Revolution. Charles Dickens period drama, starring Dirk Bogarde and Dorothy Tutin.
8.55 FILM: **Firecreek (1968).** Western, starring James Stewart.
10.35 **James Stewart: Talking Pictures.** A profile of American actor James Stewart. (R)
11.25 FILM: **The Man Who Knew Too Much (1956).** An American couple's son is kidnapped by spies, throwing them into a frantic race to rescue him. Hitchcock's remake of his 1934 thriller, starring James Stewart and Doris Day.
1.20 **Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Second Practice.** Action from the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal. (R)
2.55 **Live Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Third Practice.** Further action from the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal.
4.00 **F1 Rewind: Senna.** Three defining races in the career of Ayrton Senna.
5.00 **Antiques Road Trip.** (R)
6.00 **Gardeners' World.** Carol Klein observes one of 400 gardens preparing to open to the public as part of the National Gardens Scheme, while a beekeeper arrives with a swarm for Monty Don's new hive. (R)
6.30 **Flog It!** Thomas Plant and Michael Baggott value items in Cirencester, Gloucestershire, including a 200-year-old teapot and costume jewellery encrusted with real diamonds. (R)
7.30 **Edwardian Farm.** The team takes on a set of new enterprises – market gardening, egg production, raising beef cattle and food preservation – using only Edwardian tools and materials. (R)
8.30 **Dad's Army.** A major decides Corporal Jones is too old to be in the Home Guard, asking him to prove his worth by completing an assault course. Comedy, starring Clive Dunn. (R)
9.00 **Pinewood: 80 Years of Movie Magic.** Jonathan Ross gains unprecedented access to the iconic British film studio, meeting Joan Collins and Barbara Windsor to discuss their experiences on set.
10.30 FILM: **My Week with Marilyn (2011).** A film student gets a job on a movie starring Marilyn Monroe and becomes a confidant of the troubled star. Fact-based drama, with Michelle Williams and Eddie Redmayne.
12.05 **The Many Faces of Sid James.** Profile of the comic actor who is best known as the star of many Carry On films, tracing his career from his early days on Hancock's Half Hour to his 1970s sitcom Bless This House. (R)
1.05 FILM: **Quatermass 2 (1957).** The professor investigates a meteor shower in a small town and discovers a plot to cover up an alien invasion. Hammer sci-fi horror sequel, starring Brian Donlevy and Bryan Forbes.
2.25 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge **6.25** Pat & Stan **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **7.00** Canimals **7.15** Sooty **7.30** Super 4 **7.45** Nerds & Monsters **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go
8.25 **ITV News.**
8.30 **Weekend.** Aled Jones presents the chat show, and is joined by actors Billy Boyd, Elizabeth Berrington and Gemma Oaten, with music by American singer-songwriter Kacey Musgraves.
9.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues. (R)
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11.30 **All Star Family Fortunes.** Game show, hosted by Vernon Kay. (R)
12.15 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.25 **Doc Martin.** Mrs Tishell decides she can no longer hide her love for Martin and takes drastic action, leaving the village while James Henry is in her care. Last in the series. (R)
1.30 **Live French Open Tennis.** Coverage of the women's singles final from Roland Garros, where the second Grand Slam tournament of the year takes place. Presented by John Inverdale.
5.30 **Off Their Rockers.** Senior citizens play pranks on the public. (R)
6.00 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.10 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.25 **You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, including a birthday girl whose hair catches fire. (R)
7.00 **Live UEFA Champions League.** Juventus v Barcelona (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the showpiece game from the Olympiastadion in Berlin, where two giants of Italian and Spanish football battle it out. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.
10.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.35 **Play to the Whistle – Extra Time.** Holly Willoughby presents a compilation of clips from the sports-based comedy panel show, in which two teams go head to head in quizzes and physical games. Last in the series.
11.15 **UEFA Champions League: Extra Time.** Juventus v Barcelona. Highlights of the showpiece game from the Olympiastadion in Berlin, where two of the giants of Italian and Spanish football battled it out.
12.00 **The Chase.** Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on ruthless quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize. (R)
12.55 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside, where he invites American guests to air their differences. (R)
3.45 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.

Channel 4

6.15 **How I Met Your Mother.** Ted and Lily have an argument. (R)
6.40 **How I Met Your Mother.** Ted struggles to fire his former boss. (R)
7.05 **Snowdonia Slateman Triathlon.** Action from this year's staging of the annual race.
7.30 **The Grid.** Including a behind-the-scenes look at the Nurburgring 24 Hours.
8.00 **Derby Day Morning Line.** A preview of the 236th running of the Investec Derby.
9.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert moves out. (R)
10.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Andy has an article published. (R)
10.30 **Frasier.** Part one of two. Daphne's mother comes to stay. (R)
11.00 **Frasier.** Part two of two. The shrink throws Simon out. (R)
11.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** The guys compete for a tenured professor position. (R)
12.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** One of Sheldon's favourite TV shows is cancelled. (R)
12.25 **The Simpsons.** Bart acquires a credit card. (R)
12.55 **The Simpsons.** Lisa helps build a recycling centre. (R)
1.25 **The Derby: Channel 4 Racing from Epsom.** Including the 4.30 Investec Derby (1m 4f).
5.00 **Channel 4 News.**
5.20 **Couples Come Dine with Me.** Three couples in Southend-on-Sea compete to host the best dinner party. (R)
6.05 **Benchmark.** Game show in which contestants decide how 10 people answered a series of tricky numerical questions. Hosted by Paddy McGuinness. (R)
7.00 **Celebrity Fifteen to One.** Jason Manford, Germaine Greer and Jimmy Carr are among the 15 well-known faces competing to win a large cash prize for charity. Quiz, hosted by Adam Hills. (R)
8.00 **The Restoration Man.** Architect George Clarke follows the progress of Alison and Matthew Grey from London, who want to turn a pumping station into a design haven. (R)
9.00 FILM: **Anna Karenina (2012).** Premiere. The wife of a government official becomes infatuated with a married cavalry officer, leading to a scandalous affair. Period drama, starring Keira Knightley and Jude Law.
11.35 FILM: **The Brave One (2007).** A radio talk-show host descends into a spiral of violence after taking the law into her own hands to avenge her fiance's murder. Thriller, starring Jodie Foster and Terrence Howard.
1.50 **Marvel's Agents of SHIELD.** Part one of two. Coulson and his team are forced to make sacrifices. (R)
2.40 **Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** With guests Peter Kay, Ellie Kemper and Adam Lambert. (R)
3.40 **Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. Grace is annoyed when Dylan's mum Val turns up. (R)
5.45 **The Common Denominator.** Quiz show, hosted by Phil Spencer. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas **6.15** Milkshake! Bop Box **6.20** Angelina Ballerina **6.35** Pip Ahoy! **6.45** The Mr Men Show **7.00** Chloe's Closet **7.10** Milkshake! Monkey **7.15** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.20** Make Way for Noddy **7.35** Paw Patrol **7.50** Little Princess **8.00** Wanda and the Alien **8.15** Zack and Quack **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.45** Jelly Jamm **9.05** LazyTown **9.30** Dora and Friends
10.00 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.**
10.35 **Access.**
10.40 **Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs.** (R)
11.40 **Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs.** (R)
12.40 **Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs.** Helping a family with a leaky shower. (R)
1.40 FILM: **Columbo: Old Fashioned Murder (1976).** Crime drama, starring Peter Falk.
3.10 **Inside Manchester's Midland Hotel.** Documentary following life at the hotel through the eyes of its employees. (R)
4.10 **GPs: Behind Closed Doors.** Patients who have sought out alternative treatments. (R)
5.10 **The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies.** Anthony has to feed an abandoned dog through a letterbox. (R)
6.10 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** A couple whose retirement was ruined by an 8ft wall built by their neighbour, plus a mother and daughter fed up with living opposite a flat full of rabbits. (R)
7.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Enforcement agents are faced with the difficult job of evicting a woman with two children – a task that takes a turn for the worse when her ex-partner makes an appearance. (R)
7.55 **5 News Weekend.**
8.00 **Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 2.** Matt Richardson and Katy Brand present another selection of the most popular videos featuring dogs, including a French sheepdog that rides scooters, skateboards and bikes. (R)
9.00 **Big Brother.** Friday's highlights, including housemates' reactions to the latest eviction, revealing how the departure has affected the remaining contestants.
10.00 **The Incredible Hulk Woman: Extraordinary People.** Documentary following a mother-of-three who has rare neurological condition stiff-person syndrome, which causes severe muscle spasms in the arms and legs. (R)
10.55 **Kellie Maloney: No Going Back.** Documentary following the boxing promoter as she embarked on a sex change, from her appearance on Celebrity Big Brother through to her final full gender-reassignment surgery. (R)
11.55 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip. (R)
12.00 **SuperCasino.**
3.10 **Big Brother.** (R)
4.00 **Furious & Funny: Caught on Camera.** (R)
4.50 **Make It Big.** (R)
5.15 **Make It Big.** (R)
5.45 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)

Live Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix

6.25pm

Suzi Perry introduces coverage of the seventh round of the season at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal (Start-time 7.00pm). World champion Lewis Hamilton is bidding to win this race for the fourth time, which would put him second on the all-time list of victors.

Protecting Our Foster Kids

10pm

New series. Documentary series following a year in the lives of carers and other professionals working for Dorset County Council's fostering service. The first episode follows 14-year-old Amy, who is moving in with her fourth foster family in as many years, and hopes to finally settle down.

Celebrity Squares

7.15pm

Life's Too Short star Warwick Davis hosts a revival of the classic game show originally presented by Bob Monkhouse. Regulars Tim Vine and Joe Wilkinson are joined in the celebrity grid this week by Sue Perkins, Keith Duffy, Sara Pascoe, Melanie Sykes, Ben Miller, Matt Richardson and Trevor Noah.

For the Love of Cars

8pm

Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead look back over the hard work that has gone into restoring the vehicles featured in this series as a number of them are put up for sale. They attend a car auction to pick up some tips on these high-stakes events, and catch up with some of the motorists featured in the first series.

Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole

2.10pm

This edition focuses on immigrants who claim welfare to support children who live back in their home countries. Evita Kossmann lives in Warsaw and gets around £220 a month in British benefits for her 10-year-old son Mateusz because her husband Sebastian resides and works in Bristol.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **The Big Questions.** Moral and religious discussions on topical issues from Leith Academy, Edinburgh, with contributions by members of the studio audience.
11.00 **Sunday Politics.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
12.15 **Bargain Hunt.** Antiques experts Jeremy Lamond and Nick Hall join two teams as they scour Edinburgh Antiques and Collectors' Fair for items that will make a profit at auction. (R)
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Escape to the Country.** Jules Hudson helps a family with a budget of £700,000 find a retreat in Hampshire where three generations can live together. Plus, a visit to England's oldest almshouses. (R)
2.00 **Flog It!** Catherine Southon and Will Axon value items at London Zoo in Regent's Park, while Paul Martin visits Horace Walpole's gothic castle Strawberry Hill in Twickenham. (R)
2.40 **The Truth About Your Teeth.** Part one of two. Dentists from King's College, London, join together with a team of broadcasters in a bid to learn more about the state of Britain's teeth. (R)
3.40 **Points of View.** Jeremy Vine presents a selection of viewers' comments.
3.55 **Songs of Praise.** Rap artists modernise a traditional hymn to mark BBC Music Day, and David Grant meets a group of singing pilgrims who are making a spiritual journey around Britain.
4.30 **Nigel Slater: Eating Together.** The food writer takes a culinary tour of Britain. (R)
5.00 **Countryfile.** Matt Baker explores caves in the Mendips, Ellie Harrison visits a community food project in Porlock, John Craven investigates cider orchards, and Adam Henson rounds up some cattle. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
6.00 **BBC News.**
6.15 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.25 **Live Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix.** Suzi Perry introduces coverage of the seventh round of the season at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal (Start-time 7.00pm).
9.00 **Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell.** Strange tries to cure King George III of his madness, while his growing fascination with the dark, ancient magic of the Raven King drives a wedge between him and Norrell.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
10.30 **Live at the Apollo.** Jack Whitehall hosts an evening of stand-up at the Apollo in Hammersmith, London, introducing routines by Katherine Ryan and Rich Hall. (R)
11.15 **FILM: Blades of Glory (2007).** Rival figure skaters bury the hatchet after they discover a loophole enabling them to compete in the world championships as a same-sex pair. Comedy, with Will Ferrell and Jon Heder.
12.45 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
12.50 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 **The Big Allotment Challenge.** The pairs have to present their carrots and gladioli for scrutiny on the show bench. (R)
7.00 **Countryfile.** The team visits the Channel Islands. (R)
8.00 **Gardeners' World.** A beekeeper arrives with a swarm for Monty Don's new hive. (R)
8.30 **Greatest Gardens.** New series. Diarmuid Gavin and Helen Dillon tour Northern Irish gardens.
9.00 **The Beechgrove Garden.** The team prepares bedding plants.
9.30 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Highlights of the series.
11.00 **The Box.** The contestants create a dish from a box put together by Prue Leith. (R)
11.30 **The Box.** With actress Fay Ripley. (R)
12.00 **Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites.** The cook visits Guildford Farmer's Market. (R)
12.30 **Alex Polizzi: Chefs on Trial.** The best three candidates from the week have to produce a three-course menu. (R)
1.30 **Live Athletics.** The Sainsbury's Birmingham Grand Prix.
5.20 **Hotel India.** Following preparations for a couple's wedding at the Taj Mahal Palace. (R)
6.20 **FILM: Shall We Dance? (2004).** A bored lawyer signs up for dance classes, but has to keep the new hobby a secret from his suspicious wife. Romantic comedy, with Richard Gere, Susan Sarandon and Jennifer Lopez. Edited for daytime broadcast.
8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** The experts visit the home of the Royal Ballet School in Richmond Park, London, where items include a table made of timber from Old London Bridge and a musical chamber pot. (R)
9.00 **Armada – 12 Days to Save England.** Dan Snow concludes the drama-documentary by revealing the circumstances that led to the Armada's defeat and how Elizabeth I's stature was enhanced by victory. Last in the series.
10.00 **Protecting Our Foster Kids.** New series. A year in the life of Dorset County Council's fostering service. A teenager hopes to settle down with a new family, but her foster parents face some hard choices.
11.00 **FILM: A Single Man (2009).** A gay academic mourning his partner's death takes a day to put his affairs in order as he prepares to commit suicide. Drama set in the 1960s, with Colin Firth and Julianne Moore.
12.30 **Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Highlights.** Suzi Perry introduces action from the seventh round of the season at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal.
1.30 **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** The team visits the Channel Islands, where Matt Baker investigates the legacy of naturalist Gerald Durrell, and Ellie Harrison discovers Guernsey's history of tomato growing. (R)
2.30 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)
3.30 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge **6.25** Pat & Stan **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **7.00** Canimals **7.15** Sooty **7.30** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge
8.25 **ITV News.**
8.30 **Weekend.** With Simon Webbe, Pauline McLynn and Sally Ann Mathews.
9.25 **Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
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11.25 **Long Lost Family.** A couple search for the son they gave up for adoption in 1962. (R)
12.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.30 **Live International Football.** Republic of Ireland v England (Kick-off 1.00pm).
3.10 **Live French Open Tennis.** The men's singles final.
6.00 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 **Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the revival of the game show in which contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. (R)
7.15 **Celebrity Squares.** Warwick Davis hosts the quiz, with guests Sue Perkins, Keith Duffy, Sara Pascoe, Melanie Sykes, Ben Miller, Matt Richardson and Trevor Noah. Last in the series.
8.00 **Sunday Night at the Palladium.** Jack Whitehall introduces the variety show, featuring Simply Red, Leona Lewis, Jess Glynne, Sara Pascoe and Britain's Got Talent finalist Jack Carroll. Last in the series.
9.00 **Home Fires.** Frances takes in an evacuee, Erica faces the consequences of her actions, Miriam writes to soldiers on the front line, and Laura and Richard's secret affair could be exposed.
10.05 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.20 **International Football Highlights.** Republic of Ireland v England. Action from the friendly encounter at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin, the first meeting between the sides in Ireland for 20 years.
11.20 **Vicious.** Violet panics when her wealthy sister announces a visit, so she and her friends begin an elaborate plan to save her from humiliation. Sitcom, with Ian McKellen. (R)
11.50 **Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Donny Osmond.** In an edition from Chicago, the singer looks back at his career in showbiz and reveals what it feels like to be still considered a heart-throb in his mid-fifties. (R)
12.50 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
2.30 **Motorsport UK.** Action from Donington Park, featuring the latest races in the Ginetta Junior Championship and the Renault Clio UK Cup. With commentary by Richard John Neil. (R)
3.20 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.
5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R)

Channel 4

6.15 **How I Met Your Mother.** The gang is forced to miss the Super Bowl. (R)
6.40 **How I Met Your Mother.** Ted misses a job interview. (R)
7.05 **British GT.** Action from the fourth round of the season at Silverstone.
7.35 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert and Amy split up. (R)
8.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Marie and Frank go on a diet. (R)
8.30 **Frasier.** A teenage radio host lampoons Frasier. (R)
9.00 **Frasier.** Niles makes plans to propose. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With OWS, Taron Egerton and Lion Babe.
12.30 **George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** A couple who built a casino in their basement. (R)
1.30 **FILM: We Bought a Zoo (2011).** Premiere. Fact-based comedy drama, starring Matt Damon.
3.55 **FILM: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (2012).** Premiere. Family comedy sequel, starring Zachary Gordon.
5.50 **Channel 4 News.**
6.10 **A Place in the Sun: Home or Away.** A man wants a holiday home in Wales, near to his rowing club, while his wife would prefer France's Cote d'Azur. Laura Hamilton and Adrian Simpson help them decide.
7.05 **Location, Location, Location.** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer guide prospective buyers in the popular commuter county of Kent, where homes are snapped up quickly due to their proximity to London. (R)
8.00 **For the Love of Cars.** Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead look back on the vehicles that have been restored this series and get some advice on making a profit selling cars at auction. Last in the series.
9.00 **Channel 4's Comedy Gala 2015.** The annual stand-up comedy concert in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital, from London's O2 arena. Jack Dee, Sean Lock, Michael McIntyre and Paul Chowdhry are among the stars.
11.35 **Lee Mack Live.** The comedian's live show, performed at London's Bloomsbury Theatre, in which he touches on bizarre subjects, from pasty marketing to grandmothers snorting a powdered dessert. (R)
12.40 **FILM: Get Him to the Greek (2010).** Comedy, starring Russell Brand.
2.30 **Come Dine with Me.** The first of five dinner parties in Bury. (R)
2.55 **Come Dine with Me.** Nikki Salt throws the second party in Bury. (R)
3.25 **Come Dine with Me.** Schoolteacher James Perkin hosts the third dinner party in Bury. (R)
3.50 **Come Dine with Me.** Waiter Ali McKernan hosts the penultimate dinner party in Bury. (R)
4.20 **Come Dine with Me.** Paula Skelton hosts the final evening in Bury. (R)
4.45 **River Cottage Bites.** (R)
5.00 **Phil: Secret Agent Down Under.** Helping two British families to find new homes. (R)
5.55 **How I Met Your Mother.** (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas **6.15** Milkshake! Bop Box **6.20** Angelina Ballerina **6.35** Pip Ahoy! **6.45** The Mr Men Show **7.00** Chloe's Closet **7.10** Milkshake! Monkey **7.15** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.20** Make Way for Noddy **7.35** Paw Patrol **7.50** Little Princess **8.00** Wanda and the Alien **8.15** Zack and Quack **8.25** Olly the Little White Van **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.45** Jelly Jamm **8.55** Toby's Travelling Circus **9.05** LazyTown **9.30** Dora and Friends
10.00 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Tiger Claw returns.
10.35 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.
10.40 **The Dog Rescuers.** An RSPCA inspector deals with 20 feral dogs in a Manchester house. (R)
11.10 **Ultimate Police Interceptors.** The team arrest a man for domestic violence. (R)
12.10 **Benefit House: Me & My 26 Kids.** Large families who depend on the benefits system. (R)
1.10 **Benefits, Babies and Jail.** People living on the dole in South Yorkshire. (R)
2.10 **Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole.** Immigrants claiming welfare to support children back in their home countries. (R)
3.10 **My Big Xmas Benefits Blow-Out.** Christmas for people living on state welfare. (R)
4.10 **FILM: Open Season 3 (2010).** Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Matthew J Munn.
5.40 **FILM: The Haunted Mansion (2003).** Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy.
7.15 **FILM: The Wedding Date (2005).** A single woman is horrified by the thought of attending her sister's wedding alone and hires a male escort. Romantic comedy, with Debra Messing, Dermot Mulroney and Amy Adams.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, diary-room visits and chit-chat in the aftermath of the recent eviction. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.
10.00 **FILM: Dark Skies (2013).** Premiere. A suburban American home attracts the attention of alien invaders, who wage a campaign of terror against its residents. Sci-fi horror, with Keri Russell and Josh Hamilton.
11.50 **FILM: Crank: High Voltage (2009).** A hitman pursues a mobster who took his heart and replaced it with a machine that requires constant charging up. Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham and Amy Smart.
1.35 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
3.10 **Inside Manchester's Midland Hotel.** Documentary following life at the hotel through the eyes of its employees. (R)
4.00 **House Doctor.** A flat in Kensal Green, west London. (R)
4.25 **Make It Big.** Josh meets a journalist. (R)
4.50 **Make It Big.** (R)
5.15 **Make It Big.** (R)
5.45 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
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Sports and leisure sites to have a new operator

SPORT and leisure centres in Powys are to be managed by a new operator from July.

The department will enter a new era when not-for-profit leisure operator, Freedom Leisure, assumes responsibility for the county's facilities. Existing staff will transfer to the new management.

Powys County Council's search for a new partner to manage the county's 15 sport and leisure centres has culminated in Freedom Leisure being awarded a conditional 15-year contract.

Cabinet Member for Leisure, Councillor Graham Brown said: "We are delighted to have appointed a company with Freedom Leisure's pedigree, they will bring a level of experience and expertise that will greatly benefit the residents of Powys.

"The decision to look for an external organisation to manage the county's leisure and sport centres was made with the intention of protecting future provision and ensuring that residents had access to quality sport and leisure facilities.

"We were extremely pleased with the quantity and quality of applications submitted to the council and were happy to award a contract at the conclusion of a rigorous tendering process.

"I am delighted to welcome Freedom Leisure to Powys and look forward to working in close partnership with the team in the coming years."

Managing director for Freedom Leisure, Ivan Horsfall Turner said: "We are delighted to be selected to manage the Powys portfolio and are looking forward to working closely with the community. The wide range of sites gives us plenty of scope to enhance the leisure facilities in the region which, in partnership with the council, will benefit from an investment of around £2.5 million. Having recently commenced the management of four leisure centres within the Malvern District, the community facilities in Powys are perfectly placed to widen our leisure operation within the region."

Muller butter launch to help grow exports

DAIRY giant Muller Wiseman has taken a major step in the development of its new £17 million butter plant at Market Drayton with the launch of its first own-brand product.

Since it was officially opened in 2013, Muller Wiseman Dairies' state-of-the-art processing plant beside its existing dairy in the north Shropshire town has been churning out block butter for the food ingredient and manufacturing sectors.

Now it is entering the consumer market with the launch of its first 250g packs of butter for the food service and retail convenience sectors.

The move is aimed at adding value to the company's output, said Muller Wiseman Dairies' managing director Carl Ravenhill.

"Our business generates in excess of 90 million litres of excess cream each year, but investing in our butter offering means we now have much more flexibility and opportunity for innovation and expansion in how we add value to this cream," he said.

"It's a great example of how we can displace imports with products made in Britain, with cream from British farms, and I'm pleased to say that the impact of investment in butter-making is starting to have a significant impact on the dairy trade imbalance which exists in this country.

"In the last year, our first year in butter making, imports dropped by 10 per cent and exports increased by a staggering 37 per cent."

Mr Ravenhill added: "We hope that by adding another string to our bow with quality, fresh British packet butter for private label and convenience customers, we can further displace these imports and continue to add value to every drop of milk we process.

"We are ambitious for the future of British butter, and see a range of opportunities for us in the pipeline in terms of packs, sizes, formats, both in own label and branded. Watch this space."

£10,000 of support is up for grabs

Dragons Donna Preston, Kevin Lockwood and Thom Kennedy at the unit up for grabs

A SHREWSBURY shopping centre has launched a Dragon's Den-style competition offering £10,000-worth of prizes to a budding entrepreneur.

The winner will receive a rent and rates free six months in a store in a prime position at the busy Darwin Shopping Centre, plus expert business advice and support, worth thousands of pounds.

The business brain with the best idea will win the chance to move into a unit at the shopping centre free from rent, rates, insurance fees and service charge for six months while they kick start their business into life.

All that stands in their way is a grilling from the Shrewsbury Shopping Centre's panel of "dragons", including Kevin Lockwood, manager of the Darwin, Pride Hill and Riverside Shopping Centres.

There to help choose the winning entry will be Shropshire Star business editor Thom Kennedy and, from the world of retail, Donna Preston, manager of M&S in the Darwin Shopping Centre.

"We are very excited to launch Business Dragons," Mr Lockwood said.

"We wanted to offer a local person, with a great business idea, the chance to make their retail dream reality without most of the start-up costs which can be so prohibitive when you make that first, scary step. We are asking people to come forward and write to us with their ideas for their new business."

The enter Shrewsbury Shopping's Business Dragons, explain your business idea and why you should win in no more than 500 words.

Include contact numbers, and an e-mail and postal address. Entries should be e-mailed to sharon.griffiths@shrewsbury-shopping.co.uk or dropped in at the management suite near the centre entrance. The closing date is June 15.

Make growth priority, says chamber chief

THE new government's priority should be economic growth, not deficit reduction, the boss of the British Chambers of Commerce has said on a visit to Shropshire.

John Longworth, the BCC's director general, visited the Shropshire Chamber of Commerce offices in Telford, before taking in a tour of GKN's factory on Hadley Park.

His visit was part of a regular tour of regional chambers around the country, which help him understand the economic performance of different regions.

During his trip to Shropshire, he heard about the latest schemes being introduced to stimulate growth by the local chamber.

At GKN's plant, he saw the work being carried out to develop flywheel technology, which is being retrofitted to London buses to improve their energy performance.

Mr Longworth said chancellor George Osborne now faces a challenge to grow the economy while reducing the country's deficit.

"It's a really difficult tightrope the chancellor is walking, that's around cutting the deficit, but the speed and scope of deficit reduction will affect our prospects for growth," he said.

"Growth should be the watchword for this parliament, rather than austerity.

"We need to cut the deficit because we need to insure ourselves against future shocks, and we are a very indebted nation, but if we cut it too much and too fast it could impede growth and defeat the object in the first place.

"The best way to pay down the deficit is to get growth, generate taxes."

He added: "I think the chancellor played a blinder in the last parliament, because he persuaded the markets they were applying austerity, and actually didn't apply it too much.

"The overall cuts were three per cent, which wasn't anything like what happened in the 1980s when Mrs Thatcher was Prime Minister for example.

"The government has said it's going to make considerable cuts in public spending.

"We know what's coming, he just has to be very careful that doesn't then affect growth.

Mr Longworth added that he felt the nation's business community was confident in its outlook – still.

He said: "Even during the depths of the recession, apart from construction businesses who were having a really tough time, they were all saying it's tough but we're doing okay, but were also saying I know everybody else is suffering.

"They just didn't know everybody else was saying it as well.

"Now, all the businesses say they are doing okay, and know that everybody else is as well, so we've returned to that level of confidence, but it was never as gloomy as it was made out."

He added: "There's too much rhetoric and too many idealogues on both sides of the argument, when we should look at the facts in a cool and calm way and make a decision that's rational.

"The majority have consistently said they want to remain in a reformed EU, and 65 per cent say leaving could be problematic and certainly disruptive.

"There needs to be change within the EU."

Shropshire Chamber president Keith Winter, left, David Webb of GKN Sankey and BCC director general John Longworth during a tour of GKN Sankey at Telford

County shipping firm charts up sculpture success

A SHIPPING firm has been appointed to transport a sculpture of a UK explorer to Australia, where he is most renowned.

Artist Mark Richards has created a bronze memorial that captures Captain Matthew Flinders, who charted the Australian coastline, to stand at Flinders University in Adelaide.

And the Halesfield-based shipping business Global Freight has been brought in to transport the statue.

Flinders, along with a native Australian called Bungaree and the crew of HM Sloop Investigator, famously circumnavigated the country in the early 1800s and gave it its name.

The two-metre high bronze sculpture weighing 750 kg is the second to be produced by Mr Richards.

The original was commissioned by the Government of South Australia.

That sculpture is sited at Euston Station in London, under which Matthew Flinders is buried.

The sculpture of Captain Flinders

The original was unveiled at Australia House in London in July 2014 by the Duke of Cambridge, who said it showed Captain Flinders "as a man of action, strength and determination".

The second bronze was commissioned by Flinders University and, once completed, will be transported down under by Global Freight.

Both depict the explorer out of uniform, poring over his work charting the coastline of Australia alongside his cat, Trim.

Mr Richards, who is based in Ludlow, is a regular Global Freight customer.

The firm has been shipping small replicas of the main sculpture to Australia that private purchasers have bought to help fund the commemoration.

Anton Gunter, national sales manager for Global Freight, said: "We are delighted to be playing a part in the commemoration of Captain Flinders in the land he is so intimately associated with. Our experience in shipping precious works of art including sculptures of this size means we are aware of the specialist handling."

Worries increase over demise of the sparrow

ONE of the joys of travel is the experience of new sights and sounds in weird and wonderful places.

Add on to those thrills, the interest you gain by studying the local natural history and you will be happily ensconced in the dizzy euphoria of mobile sensory overload.

On a recent trip to North Africa, there was plenty to satiate the 'weird and wonderful' objective but when one focused on the wildlife, there were a surprising amount of familiarities to be seen.

Yes, chameleons and cobras swayed in their own forms of locomotion, monkeys scampered through the trees and huge white storks built their colossal nests high on the crumbling towers and minarets, but if you looked harder amongst the village squares, the branches of the trees and beneath the storks' nests, there were familiar faces aplenty.

Pigeons and collared doves helped provide the soundtrack as swifts and martins scythed through the air. But pervading through all was the recognisable cheeping of house sparrows. These little birds, though a long-established resident of Britain, are not thought to be a native, but spread naturally north from North Africa. Well known as colony nesters, here in Shropshire they will take over house martin nests, especially if there are several close to each other, but in their original lands they often nest in colonies in the base of those towering white stork nests.

Once one of Britain's commonest birds, numbers have crashed in recent years and London has lost three-quarters of its sparrows between 1994 and 2000. In some urban areas the population has fallen by 99 per cent and although changing agricultural practices have been partly to blame, the full cause is not yet clear.

Their demise is all the more baffling considering their apparent tolerance of our species. Few birds are happier in the company of man than the house sparrow. Add to this their adaptability, which is often a sign of a strong and resilient species, which can be gauged by the fact that they have been found living and breeding 2,000ft underground in a coalmine.

A further testament to their adaptations can be seen at night whereby they have been observed catching moths attracted to lights in the dark. This helps them to feed their chicks which, unlike the adults who are mainly vegetarian, need a high proportion of animal matter (mostly insects).

It is said that among all the victims of domestic cats, young house sparrows, as you would expect, are very high on the list. Putting up a colony nest box in as safe and secure a location as possible, is a good start in what should be a collective effort to save the house sparrow.

Ben's original paintings can be seen in Callaghan's Gallery, Shrewsbury.

ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams

Sparrow numbers have crashed in Britain in recent years

EU referendum move welcomed by region's MPs

POLITICIANS representing voters in Oswestry and Welshpool have welcomed news that people will get the chance to have their say on Britain's future in the European Union.

Plans for a referendum on whether or not Britain should remain in the EU were announced in the Queen's Speech and the MPs representing Shropshire and Mid Wales have said it is a good thing that people will get the chance to vote on the matter.

The referendum, which is due to take place in 2017, will be the first since Harold Wilson was Prime Minister in 1975.

But while the area's Conservative MPs have backed the announcement, reservations have been expressed by their political opponents.

Voters will be asked to answer the question: Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union?

Montgomeryshire's Tory MP Glyn Davies said it was right there would be a referendum, and praised the Prime Minister for beginning the discussions with other European leaders.

He questioned whether it would be possible to secure the concessions to satisfy all voters, though.

"It is the right thing to do and a clear promise that we made," he said.

"There will have to be significant changes if the people of Britain decide to stay in the European Union and I feel confident that the Prime Minister will secure those necessary changes – although I don't think it will be enough for some people.

"Because of the impact that leaving the EU will have on an area in which agriculture is so important – agriculture is so tied up in the EU – I would not be voting to leave unless the industry is properly protected.

"We need a major debate and one that should not be hurried."

Eurosceptic North Shropshire Conservative MP Owen Paterson said he was pleased there would be a vote, and said it was important that there would be a significant change in Britain's relationship with neighbouring countries.

"I am very pleased to see that British people will have the chance to vote," he said.

"I want to get back to a trading relationship with our European relations and to be able to make our own decisions in our parliaments."

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ANNE, mid 40's, cheerful busty curvy affectionate real woman! Seeks gent, any age or looks for nights at mine. **Tel No: 0906 500 1914 Box 410291**

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PRETTY slim female, 48, N/S, no ties, seeks tall, slim level headed male for initial friendship and evenings out. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416727**

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HI my name is Zara. I am 5ft 4ins, slim build. I am looking for a genuine male aged between 45 and 50 with gsoh who enjoys going out. **Text only Mailbox No: 4362903**

THELMA, 43, attractive blonde, seeks loving, honest, funny male to pamper and make happy. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416979**

DAWN attractive, easygoing, and dazzling, WLTM well built mature male for fun loving no strings romance. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416917**

KATHERINE, romantic, slim, feminine, loves to live life to the full, seeks adventurous outgoing male to appreciate and share life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 417091**

SHERRIE 32, blonde, great company, loves going out, looking to share life with that special someone. Status/Looks/age unimportant.**Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 417067**

KAREN 50, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, GSOH, loving, caring, understanding, seeking similar male, 55-55. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416989**

KAREN 5ft 5ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416337**

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CHRISTINE 48, shy sensitive brunette looking for lively older male to make her smile again and bring back some passion. s **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416519**

BEAUTIFUL full figured, down to earth black woman, 37, looking for some serious fun with an experienced, confident, older guy. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416499**

SINCERE lady, seeks similar gent, widower preferred, 60-67, 5ft 6ins, so slightly taller than me, N/S, car owner and likes a dog. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416471**

KAREN 5ft 5ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416337**

JUNE 50, beautiful, funny, warm, young looking blonde WLTM attractive down to earth male for no strings fun, laughter and love. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416299**

KAREN 50, widow, blonde hair, GSOH, 5ft 5ins, slim, seeks male, **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415767**

SLIM fair-haired lady, 5ft4 looking for a male 30 to 40 for ltr in Warwickshire area. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4527227**

STELLA 50, gorgeous, voluptuous and all woman seeks sensual older male, who knows just what he wants for lots of naughty fun and TLC. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 417067**

PAULA 40, sensual, young at heart brunette looking for some fun and romance with a tall outgoing male. Call if you feel the same. ACA **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416681**

VAL 41, pretty, cuddly, flirty, seeks similar fun loving male for an uncomplicated no strings relationship. Age/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416601**

EILEEN 49, lovely brunette, adventurous and eager to please seeks intelligent male to share the fun side of life together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416521**

MARIA gorgeous leggy blonde seeks tall professional male for fun nights out, cosy nights in with plenty of TLC and romance. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416861**

SUSAN 44, stunning curvy blonde, fit and active seeks happy go lucky male for good conversation, fun times, maybe more. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416801**

STELLA 50, gorgeous, voluptuous and all woman seeks sensual older male, who knows just what he wants for lots of naughty fun and TLC. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416707**

MID naughty forties female looking fun, thrills and discreet meets, give me a call, you wont be disappointed. Any age with own accommodation. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 409109**

KAREN medium build, blonde hair, 5ft 5ins, seeks male, 50-58, GSOH, loving, caring and understanding. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415429**

KAREN 5ft 5ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416337**

ALICE 36, tall and slim with long brown hair, outgoing and sporty seeks funny, intelligent guy to share active days and cosy nights. Age/looks not important. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416087**

DIANE 37, sensual, tactile and loving seeks tall male for interesting conversations and cosy intimate nights together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416085**

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KAREN 50, widow, likes swimming, horse riding, keep fir, clay pigeon shooting, GSOH, N/S, non drinker, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415211**

SHELLY 36, tiny shy brunette seeks down to earth, sensitive, older male to snuggle up, share a bottle of wine with and pamper. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416235**

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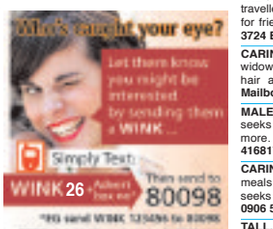

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Men seeking men

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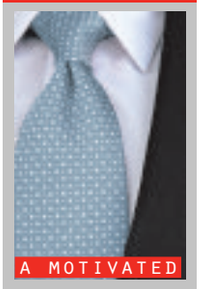

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Meeting modern needs

By Graham Breeze

The suits at Suzuki will likely deny it but the design of the new Vitara looks to have been strongly influenced by the Range Rover Evoque.

It's over 25 years since the original model debuted and now there's simply no comparison with the latest incarnation recognisable as a fresh and sporty utility vehicle.

So to be compared with the hugely successful Evoque should have Suzuki bosses cracking open the champagne and designers dancing in the street – there could be no greater compliment.

Suzuki says the new Vitara meets contemporary needs and with a new Allgrip four-wheel drive system as an option will appeal to a broader audience and should do well in a SUV sector, where opposition will come from Vauxhall Mokka and Fiat 500X.

Large wheels and higher ground clearance mean the new Vitara is happy off-road and though the test area used at launch wasn't too demanding it did enough to suggest this Suzuki has a place away from the tarmac. And as well as the Allgrip system, drivers have the option of a choice of four modes to suit the driving conditions and road surface. But don't expect Evoque performance when off tarmac.

Where Evoque influence is clear comes with personalisation choice. Exterior colour choices and a range of design details allow buyers to personalise to their own tastes with 10 body colours available – including five two-tone combinations.

There's no mistaking the Vitara as an SUV option, with aerodynamics reflected in designed bumper openings, a roofline that slopes smoothly downwards towards the rear and with attractively shaped side mirrors.

LED headlamps with blue projector covers are available on the SZ5 upgrade, contributing to energy saving and looking cool.

Suzuki has taken the opportunity to up their technology game with the Vitara.

An audio system with navigation and smartphone connectivity gives access to advanced features (available on SZ-T and SZ5).

The Radar Brake Support system (available as standard on SZ5) offers cutting-edge safety by using milliwave radar to prevent or reduce the chance of a collision.

Highlights for SZ4 include seven airbags, 16in alloys, DAB Radio with USB and Bluetooth, cruise control with speed limiter, auto air conditioning, front and rear electric windows and projector headlamps.

SZ-T adds 17in silver painted alloy wheels, rear privacy glass, smartphone link audio and navigation system.

Moving up to SZ5 adds LED projector headlights, 17in polished alloy wheels, suede seat fabric, keyless entry with start button, adaptive cruise control, Radar Brake Support and panoramic sunroof.

Once in the cabin there's a sporty look and feel with a boldly-shaped instrument panel and a U-shape design around the gear shift lever helping communicate SUV toughness. Round clock and round ventilation louvres help give the interior a youthful feel. The cabin space is impressive even though it's a bit tight in the back for three.

'It's over 25 years since the original model debuted and now there's simply no comparison with the latest incarnation'

The seven-model Vitara range is powered by the M16A 1.6-litre petrol engine or the D16AA 1.6-litre DDiS engine and produces the best fuel economy figures and CO2 levels in class and yet still produces gutsy performance.

The CO2 emissions for the petrol engine with two-wheel drive/manual transmission are 123g/km and 127g/km for the petrol engine with two-wheel drive/six-speed auto transmission.

Suzuki's Allgrip system enables CO2 emissions that are remarkably low for a four-wheel drive SUV with 130g/km for the five-speed manual transmission and 131g/km with the six-speed automatic transmission.

The DDiS engine, emitts just 106g/km with two-wheel drive/six-speed manual transmission and 111g/km with four-wheel drive/six-speed manual transmission.

Prices remain as competitive as ever, ranging from £13,999 to £21,299 – possibly opening up the 4x4 sector to a new range of buyers.

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Official fuel consumption in mpg (litres/100km) for the ŠKODA range: Urban 21.7 (13.0) to 74.3 (3.8), Extra Urban 40.4 (7.0) to 94.2 (3.0), Combined 30.4 (9.3) to 88.3 (3.2). CO_2 emissions for the ŠKODA range 217 to 85g/km. Standard EU test figures for comparative purposes and may not reflect real driving results.

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Dogs need to travel safely in cars

Holidaymakers planning to take their four-legged friend with them on the road this summer must make sure they travel safely, a local expert has warned.

Sallyanne Burdon, of Henshalls Insurance Brokers in Newport and Shrewsbury, said there were strict rules about travelling with pets which motorists could not afford to ignore.

"The Highway Code says all dogs or other animals must be suitably restrained inside the vehicle so they cannot distract the driver or injure anyone if the vehicle stops quickly.

"And if drivers flout the rules, they could find they lose their licence or their insurers could refuse to pay out if an accident does happen. If you don't follow the guidelines, not only are you risking injury, but you could face costs running into thousands of pounds as you'll be liable for any damage to your own car and any other cars involved – as well as any medical costs or other expenses."

Safety

The law recommends using a seat belt harness, pet carrier, dog cage or dog guard as the best way to keep your family – and your pet – safe on a road trip.

"The recommended safety solutions are not expensive and yet they could save you from a costly mistake and serious injuries," said Sallyanne.

"As well as the safety precautions, there are several steps you can take to make travelling with your pet a more pleasurable experience. Try to take your dog for a long walk before you set off so it's more likely to sleep during the journey, and don't feed them for two hours before you travel, to avoid motion sickness.

"Keep the car cool while you're driving, and plan your journey to include lots of regular breaks – this will give your pet time for a toilet break and to get some much-needed fresh air.

"Make sure your dog has plenty of water available and never leave them in the car alone, especially on hot days, as this can prove fatal.

"So rather than letting your dog climb all over the seats – and your family! – which will inevitably lead to a stressful journey, make sure they are safely secured, just as you would with your children. The risks for everyone involved are just not worth taking."

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2012 61	**FORD FOCUS 1.6 TDCi ZETEC** 5-door Manual. 56,000 miles, FSH	£8,499
2010 10	**FORD FOCUS 1.6 TDCi TITANIUM** 5-door, 55,000 miles, FSH	SOLD
2009 59	**FORD KA 1.3 ZETEC** 3-door. Metallic Black, 52,000 miles	£4,499
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2011 61	**RENAULT MEGANE 1.5 DCi EXPRESSION** 5-door. Manual, Metallic Blue, 66,000 miles	£5499
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2013 63	**VAUXHALL CORSA** 5-dr, 1.3 CDTi EXCLUSIVE In White, 20 Road Tax, 26,000 miles	£6,999
2004 04	**VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.7 CDi** 5-door. Metallic, Blue, 68,000 miles, FSH	£2,499
2009 59	**VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.8 DESIGN** 5-door. Metallic Silver, 63,000 miles, FSH	SOLD
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2012 12 CITROEN C3 PICASSO VTR+ Metallic Green, 21,000 miles, FSH **£7,999**

2007 56 MERCEDEZ C220 CDi AVANTGARDE SE, Auto, Metallic Black, Black Leather, 68,000 miles, FSH, Stunning **£6999**

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How they stand

Birmingham Cricket League

First Teams

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Kidderminster V	6	6	0	0	0	0	120
Berkswell	6	5	0	1	0	0	107
Walmley	6	5	0	1	0	0	105
Shrewsbury	6	4	0	2	0	0	87
Ombersley	6	3	1	2	0	0	85
Knowle & D	6	3	0	3	0	0	70
Barnt Green	6	2	0	4	0	0	57
WB Dartmouth	6	2	0	4	0	0	57
Dorridge	6	2	0	4	0	0	50
Brockhampton	6	1	0	5	0	0	50
Kenilworth W	6	1	0	5	0	0	38
Wolverhampton	6	1	0	5	0	0	33

Division One

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Bromsgrove	6	4	1	1	0	0	95
Leamington Spa	6	4	0	2	0	0	92
Barnards Green	6	4	0	2	0	0	91
Smethwick	6	4	0	2	0	0	88
Walsall	6	4	0	2	0	0	88
Old Hill	6	3	0	3	0	0	82
Moseley	6	3	0	3	0	0	76
Harborne	6	2	1	3	0	0	65
Oswestry	6	2	0	4	0	0	65
Wellington	6	2	0	4	0	0	61
Attock	6	2	0	4	0	0	56
Himley	6	1	0	5	0	0	47

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Bridgnorth	6	6	0	0	0	0	120
Tamworth	6	5	0	1	0	0	110
Sutton Coldfield	6	5	0	1	0	0	108
Penkridge	6	5	0	1	0	0	106
Old Elizabethans	6	3	0	3	0	0	78
Shifnal	6	3	0	3	0	0	76
Halesowen	6	2	1	3	0	0	69
Wombourne	6	2	0	4	0	0	59
Coventry & N.W.	6	2	0	4	0	0	55
Eastnor	6	1	0	5	0	0	44
Brewood	6	1	0	5	0	0	33
Stourbridge	6	0	1	5	0	0	26

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
C & R Hawks	6	5	0	1	0	0	107
Stratford-u-Avon	6	4	0	2	0	0	97
Aston Manor	6	4	0	2	0	0	90
Astwood Bank	6	4	0	2	0	0	87
Fordhouses	6	3	0	2	1	0	86
Worcester	6	3	0	3	0	0	71
Kings Heath	6	2	0	3	1	0	70
Pelsall	6	2	1	3	0	0	65
Streetly	6	2	1	3	0	0	60
Worfield	6	2	0	4	0	0	55
Whitchurch	6	2	0	4	0	0	53
Water Orton	6	1	0	5	0	0	32

Second Teams

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Wolverhampton	6	5	0	1	0	0	110
Knowle & D	6	4	1	1	0	0	100
WB Dartmouth	6	4	1	1	0	0	95
Moseley	6	4	0	2	0	0	93
Walmley	6	4	0	2	0	0	93
Leamington Spa	6	3	0	3	0	0	75
Kidderminster V	6	3	0	3	0	0	69
Brockhampton	6	2	1	3	0	0	68
Attock	6	2	0	4	0	0	61
Himley	6	2	0	4	0	0	60
Harborne	6	1	1	4	0	0	41
Barnt Green	6	0	0	6	0	0	25

Division One

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Coventry & N.W.	6	5	0	1	0	0	105
Shifnal	6	4	0	2	0	0	97
Walsall	6	4	0	2	0	0	92
Halesowen	6	4	0	2	0	0	91
Shrewsbury	6	3	1	2	0	0	76
Tamworth	6	3	0	3	0	0	74
Astwood Bank	6	3	0	3	0	0	72
Kenilworth W	6	2	1	3	0	0	65
Stratford-u-Avon	6	2	0	4	0	0	65
Wellington	6	2	0	4	0	0	61
Penkridge	6	2	0	4	0	0	55
Old Hill	6	1	0	5	0	0	47

Division Two North

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Bridgnorth	6	6	0	0	0	0	120
C & R Hawks	6	4	0	2	0	0	95
Worfield	6	4	0	2	0	0	91
Oswestry	6	3	0	1	0	2	74
Aston Manor	6	3	0	2	0	1	72
Brewood	6	3	0	2	0	1	72
Pelsall	6	2	1	3	0	0	65
Whitchurch	6	2	0	2	1	1	63
Wombourne	6	1	0	4	1	0	54
Smethwick	6	2	0	4	0	0	52
Fordhouses	6	1	0	5	0	0	42
Streetly	6	0	1	4	0	1	22

Shropshire County Cricket League

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Frankton	6	4	0	1	1	105
Reman Services	6	4	0	2	0	101
St Georges	6	4	0	1	1	101
Wem	6	3	0	2	1	99
Newport	6	2	2	1	0	83
Broseley	6	3	1	2	0	81
Ludlow & SS	6	3	0	2	1	80
Cound	6	1	1	4	0	61
Madeley	6	2	1	3	0	61
Quatt	6	1	0	3	1	55
Wroxeter	6	1	2	3	0	51
Bomere Heath	6	1	0	5	0	49

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Allscott	6	4	1	1	0	115
Alberbury	6	4	0	2	0	112
Forton	6	3	1	2	0	106
Shelton	6	3	1	1	1	104
Albrighton	6	3	1	1	1	87
Market Drayton	6	3	0	2	1	79
Beacon	6	2	0	4	0	75
Newtown	6	2	0	4	0	73
Lilleshall	6	2	0	4	0	72
Pontesbury	6	2	1	3	0	70
Knockin & Kinn	6	2	0	3	1	69
Tibberton	6	1	0	5	0	48

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Wellington III	6	5	0	0	1	111
Willey	6	4	0	1	0	1103
Condover	6	3	0	0	1	102
Church Stretton	6	3	1	2	0	79
Ellesmere	6	2	0	3	0	70
Montgomery	6	2	0	3	0	68
Welshpool	6	2	0	3	1	66
Cae Glas	6	2	0	2	2	63
Prees	6	2	0	3	1	57
Bishops Castle	6	1	1	3	1	46
Shrewsbury III	6	1	2	3	0	43
Much Wenlock	6	0	1	5	0	36

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Church Aston	6	5	1	0	0	120
Iscoyd & FB	6	4	2	0	0	117
Wheaton Aston	6	3	1	1	0	101
Ludlow & SS III	6	3	0	3	0	97
Corvedale	6	3	1	2	0	77
Chelmarsh	6	1	3	2	0	68
Oswestry III	6	1	2	3	0	65
Llanidloes	6	1	1	2	1	60
Shifnal III	6	2	1	3	0	56
Wroxeter Grove III	6	1	1	2	1	47
Harpers	6	0	2	3	0	46
Calverhall	6	0	0	4	1	46

DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Hodnet & Peplow	5	4	0	0	1	97
Trysull & Seisdon	6	2	1	0	1	95
St Georges III	6	4	0	2	0	85
Harcourt	6	3	2	1	0	85
Hinstock	5	2	2	0	1	73
Acton Reynald	5	2	1	1	0	70
Overton-on-Dee	6	2	1	3	0	61
Guilsfield	6	1	1	4	1	37
Coton Hall	5	0	1	3	1	37
Beacon III	5	1	1	3	0	31
Quatt III	5	0	0	4	1	11

DIVISION 4A

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Wem III	6	2	2	0	0	115
Bomere Heath III	6	3	1	1	0	112
Newport III	6	3	2	1	0	111
Cound III	6	3	0	1	0	105
Alberbury III	6	3	2	1	0	87
Frankton III	6	3	1	2	0	84
Worfield III	6	1	3	1	0	76
Wellington V	6	1	3	1	1	65
Reman Services III	6	1	2	3	0	52
Madeley III	6	1	1	4	0	51
Knockin & Kinn III	6	0	4	2	0	47
Whitchurch III	6	0	0	5	1	29

DIVISION 5

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Bridgnorth III	6	6	0	0	0	126
Pontesbury III	6	6	0	0	0	120
Quayside	6	5	0	1	0	116
Ludlow & SS IV	6	3	0	1	1	99
Albrighton II	6	4	0	2	0	95
Acton Reynald II	6	2	1	3	0	73
Corvedale II	6	2	2	2	0	68
Shrewsbury IV	6	3	0	3	0	66
Lilleshall IV	6	2	0	4	0	65
Knockin & Kinn IV	6	2	0	3	1	61
Wellington VI	6	2	0	3	1	59
Madeley IV	6	1	0	4	0	52
Llanidloes II	6	2	0	3	1	46
Lilleshall III	6	1	0	4	0	44
Much Wenlock II	6	0	2	4	0	33
Allscott III	6	0	1	4	0	20

RESERVE DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Cound	6	5	0	1	0	123
Ludlow & SS	6	3	0	2	0	103
Newport	6	2	1	1	0	103
Frankton	6	3	1	1	0	100
Reman Services	6	3	0	2	0	94
Madeley	6	3	0	3	0	86
Beacon	6	3	0	3	0	85
Wellington	6	2	1	3	0	74
St Georges	6	2	1	3	0	73
Wem	6	2	0	3	1	68
Quatt	6	1	2	3	0	45
Bomere Heath	6	1	1	5	0	26

RESERVE DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Lilleshall	6	4	1	1	0	109
Alberbury	6	3	1	1	1	84
Knockin & Kinn	6	3	1	1	1	83
Cae Glas	6	2	1	1	1	81
Condover	6	3	0	2	1	80
Forton	6	2	1	3	0	71
Wroxeter Grove	6	2	1	2	1	68
Shelton	6	0	2	2	1	66
Willey	6	2	2	2	0	58
Allscott	6	2	1	3	0	55
Pontesbury	6	0	3	3	0	47
Welshpool	6	0	1	4	0	35

RESERVE DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Broseley	6	3	0	1	1	95
Montgomery	6	3	0	1	1	92
Oswestry	6	3	0	2	1	82
Shifnal	6	2	2	2	0	82
Tibberton	6	2	2	2	0	80
Newtown	6	3	0	3	0	80
Ellesmere	6	2	1	3	0	78
Market Drayton	6	3	0	3	0	71
Bishops Castle	6	2	1	3	0	69
Iscoyd & FB	6	2	1	3	0	59
St Georges	6	2	1	2	1	58
Wroxeter Grove	6	1	0	5	0	26

East Shropshire Junior Cricket

UNDER 15S

	P	W	L	T	Pts
C&R Hawks	5	4	0	1	38
Wolverhampton	5	3	1	0	20
Shifnal	3	1	2	0	10
Bridgnorth	3	0	2	0	8
Cannock	3	0	3	0	6
Newport	3	0	0	0	0

UNDER 13 DIVISION A

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Bridgnorth	4	3	1	0	20
Wellington	4	3	0	0	19
Wolverhampton	4	2	1	0	15
Shifnal	3	1	1	0	9
Worfield	3	1	1	0	9
Lilleshall4	0	4	0	0	8
St Georges	2	0	2	0	4

UNDER 13 DIVISION B

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Albrighton	3	2	1	0	14
Newport	2	2	0	0	12
Codsall	3	1	1	0	9
Madeley	2	1	1	0	8
Wellington	1	0	1	0	2
Wroxeter	1	0	1	0	2
Much Wenlock	1	0	1	0	2
Forton	0	0	0	0	0

UNDER 11 DIVISION A

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Wellington	2	2	0	0	12
Bridgnorth	1	1	0	0	6
Wolverhampton	1	1	0	0	6
Worfield	2	0	2	0	4
Shifnal	1	0	1	0	2
Shrewsbury	1	0	1	0	2

UNDER 11 DIVISION B PAIRS

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Reman Services	3	2	1	0	14
Newport	2	2	0	0	12
St Georges	2	1	1	0	8
Lilleshall	3	1	1	0	8
Worfield Girls	3	1	1	0	8
Allscott	2	1	0	0	7
Quatt	1	1	0	0	6
Albrighton	3	0	2	0	5
Madeley	3	0	2	0	4
Forton	2	0	2	0	3
Wellington	1	0	0	0	1

UNDER 10 DEV

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Bridgnorth	5	3	0	0	20
Wellington	6	2	0	0	16
Quatt	4	2	0	1	16
Broseley	3	2	0	1	13
Newport	5	1	1	0	11
Worfield	5	1	1	0	11
St Georges	5	1	1	0	11
Lilleshall	3	1	1	0	9
Shifnal	3	1	1	0	9
Wellington	6	0	1	0	6
Much Wenlock	5	0	3	0	8
Allscott	4	0	2	1	8
Oswestry	2	0	2	0	4

SHREWSBURY'S Town Walls Tennis Club successfully kept it in the family for a recent league match.

The Town Walls team was made up solely of members of the Brown family - and they managed to come out on top against Longden Tennis Club.

Brothers Phil and David Brown, long standing members of the first team, were joined in the side last year by David's son, Lewis. Owing to club captain Mike Barnsley being injured, it was decided to give Lewis's younger brother, Jake, his debut in the first team while watching on from the sidelines was father and grandfather Graham Brown, a former club captain.

The clash with Logden was in Division 4S of the Tennis Shropshire Men's Doubles League, with Town Walls victorious 3-1 in rubbers as they gained seven points.

Meanwhile, Town Walls welcomes new players of all ages and abilities. Contact coach Jared Fellows on 0777 2235225. Coach Trevor Sorkin holds junior sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays, and group adult coaching on Fridays at 6:30pm.

Potential adults and families are welcome at the 'Rusty Rackets' Saturday session between 11.30am-2pm. Contact Michael Tunnicliffe on (01743) 356274.

■ Pictured: David, Lewis, Graham, Jake and Phil Brown.

Shrewsbury & District Evening Cricket League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Bomere Heath	3	2	0	1	46
Grasshoppers	3	2	0	1	46
Wem	2	2	0	0	30
Cound	3	1	2	0	27
Condover	3	1	2	0	11
Shelton	2	0	2	0	10

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Frankton	3	2	0	0	46
Welshpool	3	2	0	0	31
Rough & T'blers	2	1	1	0	22
Knockin & Kinn	2	1	1	0	16
Beacon	3	0	3	0	8
Bedouins	1	0	1	0	5

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Whittington	3	3	0	0	49
Pontesbury	3	2	1	0	42
Alberbury	2	1	1	0	23
Prees	2	1	1	0	20
Iscoyd & FB	2	1	1	0	12
Welshpool	2	0	2	0	6

DIVISION 4

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Acton Reynald	3	2	1	0	38
Allscott	3	1	2	0	27
Beacon	2	1	1	0	24
Bomere Heath	2	1	1	0	22
Old PO (Shrews)	1	1	0	0	16
Wem	1	0	1	0	3

DIVISION 5

	P	W	L	T	Pts
RAF Shawbury	2	2	0	0	35
Wroxeter Grove	2	2	0	0	34
Alberbury	3	1	2	0	31
Frankton	2	2	0	0	30
Ellesmere	2	1	1	0	22
Wellington	2	1	1	0	22
Beacon	2	1	1	0	20
Shrewsbury RC	2	0	2	0	9
Cae Glas	2	0	2	0	9
Calverhall	1	0	1	0	3

Whitchurch Bowls

Division One

	P	W Pts
Malpas Spts A	96	631808
Woore A	96	561755
Hanmer A	96	551748
Adderley A	96	581743
Awc A	96	501713
Wem Usc A	96	541700
Chester Rd A	96	461671
Bridgewater A	96	471658
Prees A	96	431657
Hodnet A	96	491633
Adderley B	96	421590
Awc B	96	411588
Harriers	96	311499

Division Two

	P	W Pts
Ifton	96	611737
Prees B	96	501736
Audlem A	96	531709
Awc B	96	521695
Malpas A	96	471692
Malpas Fmrs A	96	511688
Hadnall A	96	521654
District B	96	441637
Chester Rd B	96	511636
Victoria A	96	431578
Nant Pk Rd A	96	441569
Ash A	96	471544
Wem Albion A	96	421532
Pr Brockhurst A	96	411527

Division Three

	P	W Pts
Con Club	96	671840
Hanmer B	96	491742
Whixall A	96	551740
Calverhall A	96	531718
Adderley B	96	571704
Wrenbury A	96	491682
Wem B	96	451641
Audlem B	96	421641
Tilstock A	96	481629
Chester Rd C	96	451627
Chester Rd Ld A	96	451604
Malpas Spts B	96	411574
Ellesmere D	96	371552
Woore B	96	391539

Division Four

	P	W Pts
Wrenbury B	96	591732
Cheswardine A	96	561721
N In Hales A	96	531704
Malpas B	96	501696
Hanmer D	96	531695
Whixall B	96	521693
Awc E	96	541668
Edgmond	96	491612
Joules Mkt Drayton	96	471611
Nant Pk Rd B	96	401540
Cholmondeley A	96	351469
Malpas Fmrs B	84	451464
Awc C	96	291414
Wrenbury C	84	381389

Division Five

	P	W Pts
Barony Park	84	581556
Prees C	84	561544
Hadnall B	84	551520
Ash B	84	501508
District C	84	401441
Wem C	84	441435
Audlem C	84	411424
Calverhall B	84	451410
Newport	84	381405
Hodnet B	84	431394
Bridgewater C	84	321321
Cholmondeley B	84	381320
Awc D	84	281304
N In Hales B	84	201125

Division Six

	P	W Pts
Chester Rd Ld B	84	501545
Ellesmere C	84	501542
Tilstock B	84	571526
Malpas Fmrs C	84	521511
District D	84	421489
Hanmer C	84	451461
Adderley C	84	461451
Wollerton	84	431451
Whixall C	84	391427
Nant Pk Rd C	84	411378
Wem Albion B	84	421336
Cheswardine B	84	321326
Malpas C	84	271241
Wrenbury D	84	221136

Division Seven

	P	W Pts
Ruabon	84	791729
Prees E	84	581582
Prees D	84	561570
Ellesmere B	84	601532
Chester Rd Ld C	84	501528
Victoria B	84	461470
Chester Rd D	84	371402
Ash C	84	361380
Tilstock C	84	431345
Audlem D	84	381285
Calverhall C	84	251182
Chester Rd Ld D	84	191094
Whixall D	84	191085
Natwich Park Rd D	84	221009

Barlows Bowling League

Division One

	P	W Pts
Chester Rd A	64	471220
Hanmer B	64	431216
Hadnall A	64	411194
P/Brockhurst A	64	371152
Newport B	64	381130
Bridgewater A	64	301114
Wem Albion A	64	281066
Audlem B	64	261065
Adderley B	64	281058
District	64	311047
A W C	64	251041
Ellesmere A	64	261037
Nantwich Pk Rd B	64	291032
Hanmer A	64	19 980

Division Two

	P	W Pts
Audlem A	64	391188
Newport A	64	391162
Whixall A	64	401157
Whixall B	64	381157
Cholmondeley A	64	351136
Newport C	64	351128
Ellesmere C	64	381108
Chester Rd B	64	321101
Cheswardine	64	301072
Con Club	64	291052
Chester Rd C	64	281040
Ellesmere B	64	291024
Tilstock A	64	19 913
Nant/barony	64	17 891

Division Three

	P	W Pts
P /Brockhurst B	48	24 852
Prees	48	27 848
Hadnall B	48	28 819
Adderley A	48	20 756
Wollerton	40	29 753
Nantwich Pk Rd A	48	20 747
Ellesmere D	40	21 702
Malpas B C	40	20 681
Tilstock B	40	17 639
Mkt. Drayton B C	40	15 616
Cholmondeley B	40	19 605

Oswestry Bowls League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	D	FPts
Llangollen A	7	5	1	1	1020 45
Johnstown A	7	5	1	1	1028 44
Ruabon A	7	5	2	0	1064 43
Corwen A	7	4	3	0	987 40
Ceiriog Valley A	7	4	3	0	1003 40
Church A	7	4	2	1	1000 40
Criffins A	7	4	3	0	999 37
Overton A	7	3	3	1	967 34
Flexsys A	7	2	5	0	937 30
Whittington A	7	2	5	0	920 26
Chirk AAA A	7	1	6	0	892 23
Cynwyd A	7	1	6	0	840 18

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	D	FPts
Weston Rhyn A	7	5	2	0	1012 44
Criffins B	7	5	2	0	1021 43
Ye Olde Crofte A	7	4	2	1	1014 43
Johnstown B	7	4	2	1	956 40
Llanymynech A	7	4	3	0	949 40
Church B	7	4	3	0	1006 39
Llanymynech A	7	3	4	0	963 35
Llanrhaeadr A	7	4	3	0	940 35
Ellesmere B	7	3	4	0	925 31
George	7	3	4	0	912 31
Criffins C	7	2	5	0	898 27
Ellesmere A	7	0	7	0	800 12

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	D	FPts
Plas Kynaston A	7	6	0	1	1013 46
Chirk AAA B	7	5	2	0	983 44
Ruabon B	7	4	3	0	973 42
Whittington B	7	4	3	0	966 41
Johnstown C	7	3	2	2	970 38
Bersham	7	4	3	0	955 37
Whittington E	7	2	4	1	973 33
Black Lion	7	3	4	0	911 32
Johnstown D	7	2	5	0	952 29
Weston Rhyn C	7	3	4	0	911 29
Ceiriog Valley B	7	3	4	0	851 28
Royston A	7	1	6	0	886 21

DIVISION 4

	P	W	L	D	FPts
Ceiriog Valley C	7	4	3	0	953 42
Overton B	7	5	2	0	942 42
Fox Lane	7	5	2	0	973 40
Llanrhaeadr C	7	6	1	0	1021 40
Llanfyllin A	7	4	3	0	919 36
Church C	7	3	3	1	954 34
Plas Kynaston B	7	2	4	1	955 34
Llangollen B	7	3	4	0	950 33
Llangynog C	7	3	4	0	921 33
Llanymynech B	7	2	5	0	959 33
Flexsys B	7	2	5	0	829 28
Johnstown E	7	2	5	0	839 25

DIVISION 5

	P	W	L	D	FPts
Cynwyd B	7	5	2	0	1004 46
Llanrhaeadr D	7	5	2	0	1008 42
Overton C	6	5	1	0	843 39
Church D	7	5	2	0	911 36
Llanrhaeadr B	6	3	2	1	837 33
Chirk AAA C	6	2	4	0	834 32
Corwen B	6

The golf returns from your local club

HENLLE

Club Monthly Medal Division 1: T Meehan 73–6=67; R Tattersall 80–11=69; C Thomas 76–6=70. Division 2: G Gill 88–16=72; M Higginson 93–19=74; P Roberts 91–17=74. Division 3: S Roberts 95–23=72; R Hatton 100–26=74; J Parry 102–28=74.

Ladies' Medal: P Tattersall 93–15=78; S Meehan 91–12=79; M Shelton 96–16= 80.

Seniors' Individual Stableford Division 1: A Wright 40pts; A James 37pts. Division 2: J Horton 40pts; N Russell 36pts (c/b).

HILL VALLEY

Ladies' Winter pairs Greensomes: S Blackburn & H Dinsdale 89-21=68; M Hollins & C Pickering 91-22=69; S Coupe & S Lockett 86-16=70. Ladies Luncheon 9 Hole Stableford (Emerald) Division 1: D Minshall 17pts (23); G Thomas 15pts (16); H Beard 12pts (12); H Dinsdale 12pts (22). Division 2: S Lockett 20pts (26); I Stiles 16pts (30); S Blackburn 15pts (30).

MILE END

Wales v England: Wales won7–4.

March Medal Division 1: P Griffiths 77-13-64; A Jones 77-11-66; R Burke 79-12-67. Division 2: J Jones 82-19-63; B Moody 83-19-64; N Exton 82-14-68. Division 3: J Stansfield 89-25-64; N Rogers 97-26-71; A Williams 91-20-71. Captain's Drive In: K Davies, P Kenyon, M Ryan, B Powers 94pts; N Exton, K Evans, A Stansbie, K Hayman 91pts.

Ladies' March Medal Div 1: A Eke 93-18-75; J Jones 90-14-76; A Ord 90-14-76. Div 2: J Bennett 103-30-73; P Kenyon 104-29-75; C Evans 110-35-75. Whitmore Trophy: J Northwood 76-10-66; B Hunter 88-21-67.

OSWESTRY

Medical Trophy Four Ball Better Ball Medal: R Jones & D Hughes 63; D Parry & A Shannon 63 (c/b); M Dickens & G Evans 64; A Gilbert & M Knapper 65 (c/b); N Wilson & C Colquhoun 65; P Turner & R Sinclair 66 (c/b).

Spring Open: D Evans & I Pearce (Oswestry) 43 (c/b); J Dicks & R Speake (Worfield) 43 (c/b); S Gale & R Webb (Oswestry) 43; J Edmiston & R Hamilton (Worfield) 42 (c/b); I Humphreys & P Jones (Llangollen / Shrewsbury) 42; W Wersun & T Battersby (Wychwood) 41 (c/b).

Ladies' Alice Kempster Rosebowl - Foursomes Medal: P Davies & E Aubrey 94–25–69; W Pughe & D Mottram 93–21–72; J Williams & D Hall 91–18–73; D Jones & M Brogden 92–18–74; R Wigley & M Dunbar 92– 17.5 –74.5.

Frankton flying at top of the table

RESURGENT Frankton are setting the pace at the top of the Shropshire League premier division after maintaining their rich vein of form with an eight wicket romp at Ludlow.

Electing to bat first, Ludlow were skittled for just 76 in the 33rd over, Archie Dickin doing much of the damage with 5-13 before the visitors eased to a fourth straight victory to claim a maximum 24 points.

The South Shropshire side were soon in trouble, slumping to 23-6 before Gareth Parker's unbeaten 23 boosted the total, Stuart Lammie weighing in with 2-27 and Jacob Northwood 2-18.

Frankton never looked likely to slip in reply, with skipper Ian Whittcase (31no) and Ryan Fynn (25no) guiding them to their modest target.

FRANKTON II, looking to keep the pressure on the leaders in the reserve division one, finished second best in their drawn encounter at home to Ludlow II.

Electing to bat first, Ludlow stormed to 264-7 in 50 overs, Keanu Cooper smashing 116 and Tom Gloster 65, while Jason Brookes picked up 3-30 and Tom Cockayne 2-38.

In reply, Frankton struggled to get close to the daunting target, finishing on 182-7 in their 50 overs to ensure they at least picked up eight points, while their visitors collected 18 points. Cockayne top scored on 46 in the middle order and George Dickin made 33, Jamie Smith snapping up 4-55.

Fabulous Finn stars in Oswestry victory

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

WARRICK Fynn launched a spectacular one man show – possibly the finest in the club's history – to lead Oswestry to a superb three-wicket victory in their all-Shropshire derby at Wellington.

The all rounder starred with both bat and ball in taking eight wickets and hitting 97 not out, to steer the Morda Road men to a timely victory to revive their fortunes in the Birmingham Cricket League division one.

Introduced to the attack with the home side one down, Fynn proceeded to take the next eight wickets to fall, finishing with the incredible figures of 17-8-26-8.

The home side recovered from a perilous 115-8 to reach a testing 170 all out. It was then time for Fynn to demonstrate his batting prowess, as he led Oswestry to victory with an unbeaten 97 off 140 balls. He put on 80 for the first wicket with youngster Josh Kirk, a late call-up to the side after Joe Clarke was selected for Worcestershire.

Once Kirk was out for 18, wickets fell at regular intervals before Matt Gregson blasted a quick 21. It was left to Fynn and Alex Ramsay, making his first-team debut, to carry Oswestry over the line at 174-7.

"It was a tremendous performance by Warrick, and such a pity that he didn't quite get to 100," said Oswestry skipper Mark Robinson. "It was a vitally important win for us, and will boost our confidence ahead of the two home games we have in the next fortnight."

OSWESTRY II suffered their first defeat of the season in the Birmingham League 2nd XI (North) as they went down by four wickets against C and R Hawks at Morda Road.

After electing to bat, home skipper Josh Coleridge (55) and Xavie Clarke (43) got the innings off to a great start with an excellent opening stand.

But after they were out, only Ryan Morris (25no) reached double figures as the innings ended on 161. The cause wasn't helped by the fact that three players were run out without scoring.

OSWESTRY III snatched a narrow three-wicket win against Corvedale at Morda Road on Sunday, the winning runs coming in the last over of an exciting Shropshire League division three clash.

Adam Woodcock was Oswestry's stand-out performer with the ball, taking 6-29 to restrict Corvedale to 146-9.

Peter Holloway (28), Darron Humphreys (26) and James Neill (26) – all making their seasonal debuts – were top-scorers in the Oswestry reply.

OSWESTRY IV's skipper Nick Woodcock hung his head in shame as his side were bowled out for just 18 by Tibberton – probably the lowest league score in the club's history.

FC Oswestry net cash for charity

BACK in April FC Oswestry Town won the prestigious Ethelston Cup beating Whitchurch Alport at Yockings Park by one goal to nil, with a late goal from Dave Hartshorn

By winning the cup Oswestry were awarded £250 for a charity of their choice, and we decided to pass this on to Hope House

In the picture above (from left to right) are Kim Marshbank-Smith from the Ethelston Cup committee, Ian Jones Fc Oswestry chairman, Nick Maguire Fc Oswestry manager, Lynsey Kilvert from Hope House and Andy Hough also from the Ethelston Cup while (below) are the team after their super win in the cup final.

Monty suffer heavy defeat to leaders

MONTGOMERY were no match for rampant Wellington III as they crashed to a nine wicket defeat to the early Shropshire League division two leaders.

Opting to bat first, the Mid Wales men crumbled to 53 all out with Sam Williams (12) the only batsman to get into double figures, while Ben Keeble (4-20) and David Ross (4-13) shared eight of the wickets.

Wellington then knocked the runs off inside nine overs, with opener Ben Gould hammering an unbeaten 50 to dominate the reply, with nine fours and a six, while Tim Davies picked up the one wicket to fall.

It proved a disappointing day for Monty, who will be out to make a swift riposte when they head to Prees on Saturday as they bid to consolidate their position in the top half of the table.

MONTGOMERY II, looking to maintain their push at the top of the reserve division three, could only manage a losing draw at their Broseley counterparts.

Openers Adam Hollinshead (55) and Martin Murdoch (48) set Broseley on the way to a challenging 217-7 in 40 overs, Keith Griffiths bagging 4-67.

Despite 50 from opener John Barker, Monty finished short on 168-7 in their allotted overs, but gained eight points from the losing draw.

Cricketers are taking to fairways

THERE are still a few places left for Oswestry Cricket Club's annual golf day at Llanymynech this coming Friday.

Tee times are from 12.30-2pm, and the cost is £30 a head, to include a two-course carvery back at the Cricket Club.

"If you're not a golfer just come down and join us later at the cricket club for a race night," said organiser Andy Hall. "There's free spaghetti bolognese for the kids, and families are very welcome."

The day is in aid of Oswestry's junior cricket section.

To book golf or food ring Andy on 07508 367605.

Welcome win at last for Guilsfield

GUILSFIELD picked up their first win of the season in the Shropshire League division four after cantering to a 10-wicket success against basement side Quatt III.

Figures of 3-24 from David Jones saw Quatt restricted to just 86-6 from their 35 overs, opener Trevor Barker carrying his bat for 52 not out.

Sam Griffiths then smashed an undefeated 71 to take the Guils to their target in the 14th over to bag a much needed 20 points to climb away from the basement zone.

A poor start proved costly as **KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY** suffered a tight two wicket defeat at home to early challengers Forton in division one.

Their decision to bat first backfired as they lost the first six batsmen with just 75 on the board, before Ashley Sokaloo's 45 off 42 balls, with two sixes and four other boundaries, helped lift the total to 161. Richard Williams (26) and Paul Higginson (27) also produced useful contributions.

By contrast, Forton started well in reply with openers Luke Adcock (53) and Ross Barton (49) putting on 89 for the first wicket.

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

Knockin hit back with Dan Jones taking 5-32, and the match was back in the balance with the visitors faltering on 135-8.

But the ninth wicket pair saw Forton through, with Jamie Simpson finishing on 30 not out and Matthew Sayers chipping in with an unbeaten 14. Hugh Morris also picked up 2-32 off 13 overs.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY II underlined their credentials in the reserve division two with a 10-wicket rout of Forton II to stay in touching distance of the leaders.

They dominated throughout, restricting their hosts to 147-7 in 45 overs after winning the toss, Marcus Williams snapping up 4-45 while Joshua Hodson held the home side together before being run out for 44.

Knockin's openers then made hay, with Bluey Thomas cracking an undefeated 79 and Michael Gray finishing on 31 not out to take their side to their target without losing a wicket and with 20 overs to spare.

Knockin III had a closely fought winning draw against Worfield III, posting 198-9 after recovering fro 36-3 before restricting their rivals to 183-7

It was not such a favourable day for Knockin & KInnerley's fourth string who succumbed to a seven wicket loss to Llanidloes II in division five.

Llani skipper Dave Moody was the star of the show, taking 7-51 to dismiss Knockin for 166 in the 38th over, Archie Walker also taking 2-32, while opener Nick Remon provided most defiance with 67.

Moody then completed a fine all round game 51 to help the visitors reach their target with time and wickets to spare.

Openers Lewis Swallow (36) and Walker (41) had helped lay the foundations while Paul Holyoake (2-26) was the most successful of the bowlers.

It's good Evans in a hat-trick of awards

MATTHEW Evans had plenty to celebrate after picking up a hat-trick of awards at Llanrhaeadr FC's end of season presentation night.

The defender landed the manager's player of the season honour, as well as the young player and supporters player accolade.

There were also two awards for Joe Vaughan who was the players player and the chairman's player of the season, while the clubman of the year honour went to physio Gareth Owens.

Ben White took the goal of the season award for the Spar Mid Wales League club with his stunning strike from half way against Machynlleth.

Winger Sam Sefton, meanwhile, collected a double for the reserves, landing the manager's player and the young player of the season awards.

The supporters player of the season went to midfielder and assistant manager Joe Makinson while players' player was Gus Harris.

Llanrhaeadr's presentation night ended a creditable season that saw them narrowly miss out on runners-up spot in the Spar Mid Wales League division one by just a couple of points.

They enjoyed lengthy runs in both the Welsh Cup, in which they reached the last 16 for the first time in the club's history, and the FA of Wales Trophy.

As a reward for last season's Welsh Cup success, the players will head north to Scotland on Friday to spend the weekend in Perth where they will take on a local side.

■ Captain Olly Jones landed FC Oswestry Town's players' player of the season award, while striker Graham Dyke took the top goal scorer honour.

Despite fading a little towards the end of the season, it proved a creditable campaign for Town who finished fifth in the Mercian Regional League premier division.

Encouraged by this, the club are on the verge of having a reserve team accepted in to the league next

Welshpool president is a winner

THE Club President Robert Aldridge was blessed with good weather conditions for his President's Day at Welshpool Golf Club on Saturday.

Gross winner was Mike Williams with 70 closely followed by Harry Bowen. The net competition was won by Carwyn Jones on 45 points with Mick Curley on 41 points and Steve Day on 40 points.

Victory in the ladies section went to Ann Downes Evans with 37 points.

On Sunday the R V Buckley Cup was won by Nick Jones with 41 points followed by Andrew Watkins on 40 points and Robert Williams with 37 points.

It's double delight for Llanfyllin

LLANFYLLIN Ladies completed the North Powys League and Cup double with a 4-1 success against Newtown in the League Cup final.

The Llanfyllin side, beaten 5-1 by Welsh Premier League team Aberystwyth in the Central Wales FA final the week before, bounced back in spectacular style against Newtown – even though they conceded the first goal of the game.

Amy Allen equalised just before the break, and Jess Harris put Llanfyllin ahead two minutes into the second half with a firm header.

Allen struck again midway through the half, and Jem Roberts added the fourth.

Player of the match was Zoe Roberts, who was a constant threat, hitting the woodwork twice and went close on three other occasions.

Black Lion roar to big win and are on the up

BLACK LION shook off their basement shackles in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division three with a comfortable 8-2 (164-124) home victory over Weston Rhyn C.

Andrew Jones led the way with a 21-3 success, with Mike Jones (21-9) another single figure winner as Lion roared up to mid-table. Victory took them above Rhyn, whose two replies came from John Gale (21-18) and Eric Gale (21-20).

WHITTINGTON B also stayed hard on the heels of the leading pack after seeing off Bersham 7-3 (143-124) with Brian Sinker storming to a 21-5 success, and Andy Cawthray winning to 10. The villagers are just five points off the top.

Third placed FOX LANE consolidated their position in the leading pack in division four after overcoming visiting LLANYMYNECH B 7-3, winning by just six shots. Mike Flanagan was their best to 13, while youngster Kieran Jones maintained his good form for the visitors, also winning 21-13.

LLANRHAEADR C are level on points with Fox Lane after sinking Flexsys B 7-3 (154-115), Malcolm Smith winning 21-8 and Bob Williams 21-10.

In division five, Ritchie Howes (21-4) and Tom Roberts (21-8) led the charge as second placed LLANRHAEADR D secured a 6-4 home veridict over Chirk C, winning by 17 shots (140-123).

Unbeaten leaders IFTON are 15 points clear at the top of division six with an 8-2 (163-102) home beating of CRIFTINS D, Aeron Roberts and Nick Jones both winning to six.

Results

Division three: Black Lion 8 (164) Weston Rhyn C 2 (124), Chirk B 8 (151) Ceiriog Valley B 2 (123), Johnstown C 7 (153) Johnstown D 3 (118), Plas Kynaston A 6 (135) Ruabon B 4 (129), Royston A 7 (154) Whittington E 3 (152) Whittington B 7 (143) Bersham 3 (124).

Division four: Ceiriog Valley C 9 (152) Johnstown E 1 (71), Church C 5 (140) Plas Kynaston B 5 (142). Fox Lane 7 (151) Llanymynech B 3 (145), Llanfyllin A 7 (145) Overton B 3 (112), Llangollen B 10 (168) Llangynog C 0 (86), Llanrhaeadr C 7 (154) Flexsys B 3 (115).

Division five: Church D 7 (143) Cynwyd B 3 (130), Corwen B 5 (136) Llanrhaeadr B 5 (132), Llanrhaeadr D 6 (140) Chirk C 4 (123), Whittington C 3 (133) Overton C 7 (150), Ye Olde Crofte B 7 (151) Royston B 3 (123).

Division six: Cynwyd C 7 (136) Whittington D 3 (127), Ifton 8 (163) Criftins D 2 (102), Llanfyllin B 9 (160) Llanrhaeadr E 1 (105), Llanymynech C 8 (147) Llangynog B 2 (110), Weston Rhyn D 10 (168) Church E 0 (75).

Super Ifton blow hot on the greens

IFTON pushed themselves into the top half of the Flowfit Shropshire Premier League premier division with a convincing 12-2 home hammering of Hadeley USC.

With two outings this week, including their rearranged home clash against struggling Archibald Worthington, the St Martins side will be hopeful of making further advances in the table.

They were always in charge against Hadeley, taking the aggregate by 90 shots (231-141) as they climbed up to seventh, while pushing their visitors to third from bottom.

Dicky Jones secured his team's best result when defeating Nick Mullinder 21-4 while Nicky Jones took the most valuable player accolade for his 21-9 success over Nick Wyer.

Brian Hayes and Leighton Roberts were also single figure winners, prevailing to seven and eight respectively, while Ian Metcalf and Megis Phillips both won to 10 and Adam Price to 11.

Completing the list of winners in a dominant team display were Geraint Williams and Craig Griffiths, who were both 21-13 victors and Keiron Roberts won 21-14.

Ifton have a chance to move even higher when they host Archibald Worthington tonight (thursday) in a game rearranged from earlier in the season, before facing a tougher test at defending champions Newport the following night.

Whitewash for ace tennis side

OSWESTRY men's second team hit form with a whitewash in their latest Shropshire League fixture at home to Whitchurch club Hollies III.

Captain Dave Clough and his partner Ben Syrett-Judd took their first rubber 6-2, 7-5 with Syrett-Judd volleying with confidence at the net, while the second pair of Brett Hollywell and Gilbert Woolley also won in straight sets 6-2, 6-2.

The reverse rubbers reflected the superiority of the Oswestry side with both pairs winning in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2 and 6-2, 7-5 respectively.

The ladies first team, meanwhile, kicked off their league season with a narrow defeat in a home fixture against Woodfield I.

In the first round rubbers, their first pair of Jo Macrae and Kat Oakley, lost in straight sets to the Woodfield first pair but their second pair of Eirian Lloyd-Jones and Fiona Russell, who are both Welsh internationals, prevailed in a third set tie break against Woodfield's second pair.

In the reverse rubbers, Lloyd-Jones and Russell played superbly to take a set off Woodfield's first pair, while Macrae and Holder also took theirs with a third set win against Woodfield's second pair. With the result at two rubbers each the visitors took victory by a set. It was an almost identical result for the ladies second team who travelled to the Woodfield club in Shrewsbury.

The first pair of Carol Slater and Speth Cumpston easily overcame their opposition in the first rubber but the second pair of Julie Phillips and Janis Stelfox went down in straight sets 0-6, 2-6.

In the reverse rubbers, Phillips and Stelfox again lost in straight sets 3-6, 1-6. Slater and Cumpston took their first set 6-2 but then lost focus and let their opposition regroup and dropped the second set 3-6 but they dominated in the third set tie break taking it 1-0 (10-3).

This loss of a set crucially gave victory to Woodfield by five sets to four.

Meanwhile, the club held an open day as part of the LTA initiative to get more people playing tennis.

Vroom with a view for co-driver Parry

MOTORSPORT by John Bridgwater

WELSH rally driver Tom Cave, and Oswestry-based co-driver Craig Parry, got their 2015 competitive campaign off to a flying start in the opening round of the Vodafone Rally de Portugal.

Despite ongoing electrical gremlins, which caused the engine of their Ford Fiesta R2 to cut out, Cave and Parry set a series of fastest times to secure fourth place in the championship race.

Last year's Drive DMACK Fiesta Trophy runners-up were pre-event favourites amongst the bunch of 11 talented young hopefuls who lined up at the start of this year's series.

The hungry pack were all chasing the huge prize drive of a fully-paid season in next year's FIA World Rally Championship 2.

Cave got his challenge off to the best possible start after setting a strong pace during the first morning's opening loop of rough, rocky stages to hold a slender 2.1 second lead at the mid-day service halt in Porto.

The 23-year-old from Aberdovery dodged the worst of the first day rough conditions as he stormed to an early advantage over the new stages.

But an electrical issue on the final speed test of the day saw him drop 40 seconds when the new 1.0 litre turbocharged engine powering his Fiesta cut out during the timed special stage.

Forced to power off and restart the machine a few times during the Viano do Castelo stage, he had no option but to push hard to counteract the time loss.

His M-Sport mechanics were unable to locate the cause of the fault during the overnight service halt and the issue continued throughout Saturday's action, which moved to the mountains east of Porto.

Cave continued to drop time as he struggled with the cutting-out car but the final stage of the day saw him eventually succumb to the rutted roads.

A punctured tyre, which he and Parry were forced to stop and change, meant he slipped three places to sixth after losing over three minutes.

With the issue eventually put to bed, Cave restarted the final leg the following day and blitzed the pack, setting fastest times on every stage – including the famous run over the iconic and spectator-swamped Fafe test.

Driver Tom Cave, and Oswestry-based co-driver Craig Parry, during the Vodafone Rally de Portugal

After a fantastic fight-back he eventually finished fifth, just 3.9 seconds adrift of fourth.

But he was rewarded for winning a quarter of the total stages and the bonus points on offer edged him into fourth place in the championship standings.

After a spell in the Algarve region, the event had moved north to Porto for the first time in 14 years and offered an arduous three-day route after the opening night's ceremonial start in the town of Guimares.

Next up is Rally Poland on July 2-5 where Cave will be hoping to use his experience from last year's event to good effect.

Cave said: "It's been a tough weekend and we've tackled some of the most challenging stages I have ever driven.

"The electrical problem was very frustrating as the engine cut out on some very tricky places, like when you needed some power mid-corner. It knocked my

Another sparkling display by Glas

GAE GLAS continued their rise up the Shropshire League division two after producing a professional job to inflict an eight wicket defeat on Shrewsbury III on their own patch.

Winning the toss was crucial as the Glas had no hesitation in inviting the hosts to bat first on a very green wicket.

Tight swing bowling from skipper Keith Yapp (2-11) and Tim Turner (3-13) denied Shrewsbury any freedom to build on a slow start.

Only Ed Griggs got to grips with pitch with a patient 58 not out as Shrewsbury eventually closed on 112-7.

Cae Glas knew that a solid reply was important as opener Ben Hipkiss stroked a masterful 48 to put them firmly on course.

Good support came from Gareth Edgerton with 27 not out as Glas eased past the required total for the loss of just two wickets.

The Oswestry side will be out to maintain their good run when they host Church Stretton at Gatacre on Saturday.

CAE GLAS II had to settle for a hard-earned winning draw against lowly Pontesbury II at Gatacre in the reserve division two.

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

The game could have gone either way with both teams looking likely to win the game at certain points, but in the end finished with a share of the spoils, Glas taking 12 points and their visitors 11.

Having lost the toss, Cae Glas made steady progress on a damp wicket, but positive knocks from Gavin Porritt (46) and George Chandler (25) helped their side to 126-6 with overs eight overs remaining.

However, Matt Haigh mopped up the tail, taking 4-42, and the home team finished on a disappointing 139 all out from 37.5 overs

Challenge

Dave Smith (3-30) and Matt Coulson (2-17) then put the visitors in trouble until Haigh came in at No7 to smash an unbeaten 62.

With 10 overs remaining, it seemed the game was slipping away from Cae Glas but tight bowling at the death from Steve Lockley and Nick Chesters removed the lower Pontesbury batting order and left the visitors clinging on at 127-9 off their 42 overs.

This game had ebbed and flowed numerous times during the day and a draw seemed a fitting result to a great contest.

ELLESMERE lost ground on the leading pack in the Shropshire League division two after their four wicket loss at home to second placed Willey.

Jamie Birch's 58 had seen them reach a respectable 178-8 in 45 overs, Fraser Duncan also weighing in with 36 while Lindsey Rudd took 3-42.

The bowlers struck early to give Ellesmere some hope, but solid knocks from skipper Graham Ball (43) and Stuart Shepherd (48no) got Willey over the line to maintain their early challenge.

It was also a disappointing day for **ELLESMERE II** who suffered a seven wicket reverse at Newtown II in the reserve division three.

A fine all round display from Mike Bellamore put paid to the Meresiders, first taking 3-10 as they were restricted to 109-7 in 40 overs after being put in to bat.

No9 George Austin top scored with 20 not out, but the biggest contribution came from 32 extras, John Barty also taking 4-22.

Bellamore then guided Newtown to their target with time to spare after hitting an unbeaten 51, leaving Ellesmere with just two points.

No doubts as Thomas rides high in Series

CONSISTENT Pete Thomas led home the Hafren riders to pick up his third win from four rounds of the Hafren Cycling Club's time trial series.

A terrific turnout of 43 riders battled it out in the latest round on the Welshpool course with the field enjoying favourable conditions.

The field was boosted by 15 riders from across the border competing in round six of the SB Sports Injuries Series organized by the Shropshire Cycle Clubs Association at the same time.

Fastest rider on the night was Simon Harrison of Mid-Shropshire Wheelers whose 22.24 minutes over the 10km course topped Matt Davies of the Paramount club by 18 seconds. In third a further 16 seconds in arrears, was Alex Leek of the Wrekin Sport club.

Thomas though led home the Hafren riders in 23.36 minutes, which was seventh overall. He beat improving veteran Graham Harris by just six seconds with Medwyn Jones a further 18 seconds behind in third.

For the first time this year five ladies rolled up to the start line with visiting rider Jenny Newton of the Evolve Team taking top spot in 27.36mins to win the SB Sports Injuries round.

In the Hafren Ladies Cycling Championship, Jackie Harris topped the podium in 29.46mins, closely followed by Sarah Wilding (30:23) and Louise Downward (30:34).

TNS Ladies side to hold player trials

THE New Saints Ladies are holding open trials this month to recruit new players for their junior section.

Trials will take place at Park Hall Stadium, on two dates: Wednesday June 17 and Wednesday June 24.

On both days, trials for under-eights, under-10s, under-12s and under-14s will run from 6-7.30pm, with players required to arrive at 5.30pm to Register.

Under-16 and under-18s will trial from 6.45pm-8.30pm, arrive 6.15pm to register.

Players should note they will be playing on 3G surface so moulded football boots are recommended.

To register for a place at the open trials email: info@tnsladies.co.uk with subject 'Trials 2015' with the following information:

Name, date of birth, home address, contact email, telephone number, current club and position.

Soccerfest is ready for big kick-off

THIS year's Soccerfest Charity Cup takes place later this month at the Oswestry Park Hall Stadium.

The Charity Cup, on Sunday June 14, is a five-a-side knockout football tournament with the winners being crowned Soccerfest champions.

There are prizes to be won for the successful teams, while there will also be a family fun day taking place at The Venue with activities for all ages, and a car boot sale. All proceeds to go to Prostate Cancer UK.

The event will begin at 10am and will finish at 4pm, and costs £100 entry per team.

To enter a team, contact either Graeme Kirkham or Niall Broe on graeme@gotothevenue.com or niall.broe@tnsfc.co.uk or call The Venue on 01691-684840.

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Fabulous Finn is an Oswestry star – P47

Eight wins on spin for ace Waugh

JAMIE Waugh maintained his winning run as Church A kept the pressure on the leaders in the Oswestry and District Bowls League division one with a convincing 8-2 (153-109) home success over Flexsys A.

Having switched to Church this season, Waugh made it eight straight victories when prevailing 21-6 to remain second in the top flight's averages.

His victory was the best of the night, while Steve Lewis and Steve Williams were also single figure winners to seven and nine respectively.

Victory lifted the Oswestry side up to third in the table, six points behind leaders Llangollen A who consolidated pole position with a crushing 9-1 (163-119) victory against Corwen A.

Defending champions Johnstown A are second after seeing off Ceiriog Valley A 8-2 (160-132).

By contrast, WHITTINGTON A slipped to second from bottom after their 9-1 (159-124) loss at CRIFTINS A, Graham Humphreys (21-12) getting their consolation. Andrew Jones (21-8) was the best for the Dudleston Heath side.

WESTON RHYN A remain one point clear at the top of division two after securing a 6-4 home success over CHURCH B, taking the aggregate by 36 shots (153-117).

Skipper Brian Oakley led the way 21-2, while Andrew Riley and Sue Taylor also won to four and seven.

For Church, there were good 21-15 replies for John Roberts and Merv Weaver who has now won all eight this term to top the second division averages.

Paula Worden, third in the averages, continued her winning form with a 21-2 success as LLANYMYNECH A downed basement side ELLESMERE A 9-1 (156-82). Henry Pugh also won to five to maintain his fine campaign.

LLANRHAEADR A finished 5-5 at GEORGE after losing the shots by just two, Brian Jones (21-12) and Emyr Roberts (21-15) their best while Mervyn Roberts and Andy Knott both replied to 10.

Super seven up for Maldwyn athletes

MALDWYN Harriers were in seventh heaven as they hit the medal trail in the North Wales Track and Field Championships at Bangor.

The club came away with seven medals, with Reece Moles powering to the sprint double to take gold in the senior men's 100m and 200m. The achievement was matched by Forden's Vicky Gittins who bagged a brace of golds in the women's under-20s 200m and 800.

Lauren Williams won the women's under-17 300m hurdles, while Newtown's Shannon Walker picked up silver in the under-15 girls' 800m and Joseph Crutchley took bronze in the men's under-17 3000m.

Maldwyn athletes enjoyed a successful evening at the second annual Attingham Park Relays in Atcham where 120 teams of three runners were competing.

Maldwyn's Chris Atherton anchored a team which also included Mercia's Emma Gould and Simon Adney to victory in the mixed team event.

Fair play! It's another award for TNS

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

AS well as clinching a domestic treble, The New Saints continued their winning ways by lifting the Welsh Premier fair play crown.

A disciplined campaign saw the league champions have four players sent off and 38 cautions for a total of 196 points, finishing ahead of runners-up Bala Town (206) and Newtown (238) in third.

Rhyl were the Welsh Premier's bad boys with nine red cards and 78 yellow cards to amass 410 points and finish at the foot of the table.

Overall, the season was worse for disciplinary offences than the previous campaign, with the clubs totalling 3,766 points compared with 3,356 in season 2013/14.

Porthmadog were the winners of the fair play award in the Huws Gray Alliance, while Penybont had the best record in the Nathaniel Car Sales Welsh League division one.

Each club taking the fair play award wins £1,000 which can be used towards ground improvements or the purchasing of any football equipment.

"All of the clubs have played a key part in spreading the important message of team play through fair play," said Ian Fisher, the FAW's disciplinary executive.

The Saints, who returned to pre-season training last week, are being put through their paces as they continue their build-up for this summer's Champions League opener at the end of the month.

This year, they will play in the first qualifying round which features just the eight lowest-seeded clubs in the competition.

In the draw, they could face Northern Ireland champions Crusaders, B36 Torshavn of the Faroe Islands, Lincoln Red Imps of Gibraltar or SS Folgore of San Marino.

Meanwhile, TNS have confirmed they will take on Caernarfon Town in a friendly on Friday, July 31 (7.30pm).

SHANTRY ALL SET TO RETURN

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

WORCESTERSHIRE seamer Jack Shantry is poised to make his second appearance of the season for Oswestry in Saturday's Birmingham League division one clash at home to Himley (12noon).

The inclusion of Shantry, and return to the side of in-form batsman Joe Clarke, will be a timely boost for the Morda Road men who will want to capitalise on back-to-back home games.

They go into the encounter in fine fettle after last weekend's thrilling three wicket win at Shropshire rivals Wellington thanks to a stunning all round display from Warrick Fynn who picked up eight wickets before stroking an unbeaten 97.

That victory, their second of the season, lifted Oswestry to fourth from bottom, and they are now 18 points above this Saturday's opponents Himley who prop up the table.

Skipper Mark Robinson is hopeful that Shantry will be available following his T20 Blast commitments for the Pears the night before, while definitely back is wicketkeeper batsman Clarke after making his first class debut for Worcestershire this week.

"Jack has played for us once this season, he's friends with a lot of the lads here, and is keen to play as much as possible," said Robinson.

"Although we lost in his first game, he enjoyed his day, and at this stage he's in my team for Saturday.

"We will be a lot stronger this weekend as we've also got Joe Clarke to come back in. He's in the form of his life at the moment, and fully deserves his chance with Worcestershire."

Oswestry now embark on two vital home games against sides in and around them in the table, firstly against bottom club Himley before taking on Moseley, who lie just above, the following week.

"If we can win those two home games, it will put us in a nice position, but we're not looking any further than Himley who have some top class batsmen," said Robinson.

Jack Shantry in action for Shropshire during the T20 Challenge with Worcester at Bridgnorth

"There's not a lot between all the sides in the league, anybody can beat anybody else on their day. It was a vitally important win for us to beat Wellington last week, not just because they are our local rivals, but as they are just above us in the table.

"It has given everyone a lift, particularly as we probably should have won three of the four games we have lost this season."

All the talk was of Fynn's spectacular one man show – possibly the finest in the club's history – that helped clinch the win at Wellington.

The all rounder starred with both bat and ball in taking remarkable 8-26 in 17 overs before hitting 97 not out.

"You won't get a better performance than that at this standard," added Robinson. "It was a phenomenal achievement."

While Oswestry will be on a high, Himley also make the trip in good heart after notching their first victory of the campaign when sinking basement rivals Attock by eight wickets.

They also include one of the league's big names in former Indian Test batsman Wasim Jaffer who hammered a century at Morda Road last season when playing for Wolverhampton.

Pool look to maintain good form

WELSHPOOL'S cricketers will hope fortunes continue to look up in Saturday's Shropshire League division two clash at home to Shrewsbury III, **writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.**

After a shaky start, Pool have reeled off some improved performances, and climbed clear of the basement pack with a 35-run away success at struggling Much Wenlock.

And they will be banking on more of the same against a Shrewsbury side that is also languishing in the lower regions after a modest start to the season.

After suffering an agonising two run defeat to Cae Glas the week before, the Maesydre side hit back to secure a crucial win and 24 points at Wenlock.

Put in to bat after losing the toss, Pool posted a creditable 192-9 in 40 overs with opener Matthew Knight laying the foundations with 31, Dale Evans making 30 and tailender Rob Anderson provided some late impetus with a useful 27.

Mark Brown batted well in making 45 to lead Wenlock's reply, while James Cooke also hit 44 not out before running out of partners as the innings folded on 157.

Allan Edward Williams was the pick of the Welshpool bowlers with 4-20, while Tom Anderson and Joe Monk each took two wickets.

Shrewsbury arrive at Maesydre on the back of an eight wicket defeat against Cae Glas last weekend, with the Oswestry side picking up a welcome win to ease their own basement worries.

Atherton finds the going tough with fourth-place finish

GEE Atherton had to settle for fourth spot in round three of the British Cycling MTB Downhill Series at Llangollen in Wales.

The winner of the Schwalbe elite men's category the last round in Fort William Scotland, last month, Powys ace Atherton (GT Racing) was unable to repeat the feat as he was edged off the podium.

Joseph Smith led the way in two minutes 9.45 seconds to take the victory, finishing 1.427seconds ahead of his nearest rival in second spot, while coming in 2.416 seconds clear of Atherton.

Along with his sister, Rachel, Gee had won the Llangollen event for the past two years, but the Llanrhaeadr rider was unable to make it a hat-trick in testing conditions.

Danny Hart (MS Mondraker) and Josh Bryceland (Santa Cruz Syndicate) took second and third respectively.

Rachel Atherton, the winner of the Schwalbe elite women's category in the last round, was a non-starter for last weekend's event in Llangollen. So Manon Carpenter (Madison Saracen Factory Team) took advantage to step up from third last time out to win round three by an impressive 9.573 second margin from Katy Curd (Rose Vaujany).

The series continues with round four on June 27-28, when the riders return to Wales, this time to Rhyd Y Felin in Bala.

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